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FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARYGAMBLING
ROSARITO BEACH, B. C., MEXICO
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Concerning this caption, reference is made to Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary dated 1/29/59 which reported the raid by Mexican Federal Police, assisted by troops, of the gambling casino at Rosarito Beach, B. C., Mexico.

"The San Diego Union" dated 1/30/59 contains news item in which Mexican Federal District Attorney JOSE LOZANO MARTINEZ is quoted as stating "that the violations involved in the casino come under the Mexican federal law of games and lottery".

Article 12 of the law states that persons operating or managing or organizing games can be fined from 500 to 10,000 pesos, with prison sentences of three month to three years.

"The San Diego Union" dated 2/1/59 contains news item reporting that on January 31, 1959 sixteen of the 44 Americans posted a total bail of \$28,800.00 and were released by the Tijuana judge. Fourteen of these were freed by Federal Judge EDUARDO LANGLEY MARTINEZ on cash bail of 20,000 pesos (\$1,600.00) each. JOHN and ANTHONY NEALIS of Los Angeles were released on cash bail of \$3,200.00 each.

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Other Americans released, following their posting of bail, who have been associated with top hoodlums in Las Vegas and Southern California and who were associated with the casino operation included PHILIP CABIBI, SAM TESSLER, and ANTONIA COLONNA, all formerly of Las Vegas, Nevada. 10/28

Another American posting bail was Lt. (jg) PHIL MOODY, U. S. Navy, U. S. Aircraft Carrier Lexington, who was caught in the raid. According to the news item, his bail was raised by fellow shipmates. 10/28

Four Americans arrested in a separate raid on 1/27/59 of the Club de las Americas were also each released on \$1,600.00 bail. They are listed as MAT MANZELLA, of Springfield, Illinois, ERNEST ROBERTS and DON NEIGHBOR, of Las Vegas, Nevada, and WALDON CALMIA, of Arcadia, California. NEIGHBOR was reportedly formerly associated with gambling in Tucson, Arizona and Jackson Hole, Wyoming. 10/28

MAT MANZELLA, mentioned above, according to U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (US INS), [redacted] is a naturalized U. S. citizen born in Sicily, 1/3/1900, whose last permanent address as furnished to the Mexican Police was 545 South Grand West, Springfield, Illinois. MANZELLA is probably the subject of FBI Number 711466. His identification record lists his arrests as 1930, St. Louis Police Department, suspicion fugitive, no disposition shown, and on January 8, 1938, Springfield, Illinois, for Immigration Violation. [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that MANZELLA and CALMIA were both Las Vegas gamblers who were financially interested in this operation. b7C

"The San Diego Union" dated 2/2/59, contains news item reflecting that Mexican Federal Judge, LANGLEY MARTINEZ rendered formal charges against 43 of the Americans arrested in the Rosarito Beach raid. According to this

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item, the judge now has up to 11 months in which to consider evidence in the case and to render his decision. Those Americans who have not posted bail will be transferred to the Baja California State Prison located approximately 10 miles east of Tijuana.

"The San Diego Union" dated 2/2/59 also contains a news item in which U. S. Representative ROBERT WILSON (R-SD) stated that he had protested to the U. S. State Department what he termed "excessive bail" in comparison to what the maximum fine for the offense would be.

WILSON said, "I feel it may harm our friendly relations with Mexico." This news item quotes Mexican authorities as advising that the maximum fine under Mexican law for gambling or being a spectator at a gambling casino is 10,000 pesos (\$800) with imprisonment at the discretion of the judge.

Mexican Federal Judge LANGLEY MARTINEZ, however, told reporters that he had set bail at \$1600.00 because it was likely that the U. S. citizens charged would flee Mexico and would fail to return for trial appearance.

"The San Diego Union" dated 2/3/59 carries headlines captioned, "Intervention By U. S. Urged On Rosarito". Reference is made to Crimdel airtels dated 1/29/59 and 2/2/59 concerning the raid of the gambling casino at Rosarito Beach, B. C., Mexico by Mexican officials assisted by Federal troops and the arrest and incarceration of some 44 Americans arrested in said raid.

This news item states:

"California and U. S. government officials, aroused by protests from relatives and friends of Americans held in the Tijuana jail since a gambling raid nine days ago at Rosarito Beach, yesterday called on United States and Mexican

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authorities to intervene in the case.

"In Sacramento, Gov. Brown announced he had instructed Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk to check on the rights of citizens involved. Mosk said he had sent a telegram to Baja California Atty. Gen. Guilebaldo Silva Cota requesting his intervention."

"Mosk's telegram to Silva Cota said 'the people of California are disturbed at reports of excessive bail . . . I sincerely feel that reports of this incident, if accurate, reflect unfavorably on Mexican judicial administration and may retard tourist trade.'"

"In Washington, Rep. Bob Wilson (R-San Diego) and Rep. James B. Utt (R-Calif) sent a telegram to Robert C. Hill, U. S. ambassador to Mexico, protesting 'high-handed treatment' of those detained in the raid."

"In their telegram to Hill, Wilson and Utt called the \$1,600 bail set for most of the Americans 'excessive and far more punitive than comparable penalties for similar activities engaged in by citizens of our country.'

"We urge you to request drastic reductions in bail and immediate release of American citizens suffering deteriorating physical conditions because of unsanitary conditions at the Tijuana jail,' their telegram stated.

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"Wilson and Utt said they had asked the State Department to 'study the situation and consider restrictions on travel of U. S. citizens in Mexico.'"

"Also in Washington Sen. Homer Capehart (R-Ind), a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, told a Los Angeles radio station he planned to ask the State Department what can be done."

"In Tijuana, U. S. Consul-General Robert Hale said he had petitioned the federal court to lower the bail in view of the apparent inability of many of those jailed to raise the \$1,600."

"Members of Local 500 of the Waiters and Bartenders Union last night were making plans to picket the border at 1 p.m. today to protest bail set for the jailed Americans. Charles J. Hardy, secretary-treasurer, said the 1,160 members of the union were being contacted by telephone and asked to assist in the picketing."

"Federal District Judge Eduardo Langle Martinez said he would study the appeals and announce his decision today."

"In a separate action, Langle Martinez yesterday dropped charges against three of five men apprehended in a raid Jan. 27 on the Club de las Americas in Tijuana."

This news item further states that several individuals, including those arrested in connection with the Club de las Americas, a casino which had been

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outfitted in Tijuana, but had not as yet been opened, were "released because of insufficient evidence". \$1200. bail posted by 2 of these individuals, ERNEST ROBERTS and MATT MANZELLA, named in Crimdel airtel of 2/2/59, was to be returned to them.

Mexican Counsel for the Americans detained is quoted as stating that those who were released on bail would be required to visit the Federal District Judge's (Judge EDUARDO LANGLE MARTINEZ) office weekly to sign a record book presumably, if they failed to sign said book weekly the bail would be forfeited.

CHIEF San Diego sources advised and newspaper accounts carried information that some 50 members of San Diego Local 500, Waiters and Bartenders Union, picketed the U. S. Mexican border at San Ysidro on 2/3/59 to protest the high bail and the slowness of Mexican authorities in releasing several other members who were arrested in the Rosarito Beach raid.

San Diego sources have further advised that widespread publicity given to the detention and high bail set for the Americans has hurt business in Tijuana and Ensenada, B. C., Mexico considerably.

It is noted, however, that the widespread publicity of these arrests apparently has not discouraged Americans from attending Caliente Race Track and the Jai Alai games in Tijuana. These operations are licensed under Mexican law and apparently will not be interfered with. RUSSELL ALESSIO, Director of the Foreign Book, Caliente Race Track, stated that attendance on Saturday, 1/31/59, was larger than on the prior weekend. Attendance on Sunday, 2/1/59, was somewhat smaller due to the professional golf tournament in San Diego, according to ALESSIO.

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ANTONINO MIRABILE

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ANTONINO MIRABILE, considered the most important of San Diego Top Hoodlums, was shot and killed on the night of 12/27/58 in his apartment in San Diego. All pertinent information concerning his death has been furnished the Bureau on a current and continuing basis.

_____ advised SA _____

He stated that several Italian bar owners and others whom ANTONINO had loaned money to had come forth to acknowledge their debts. _____ However, others had not done so and there were rumors among the Sicilians that there might be some trouble over the deceased's, ANTONINO's, debtors.

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Investigation by the San Diego Police Department reflects that MIRABILE loaned large sums of money to associates without apparently maintaining any records relative thereto. There is speculation that some individuals to whom he loaned money may fail to acknowledge their debts in view of his recent death.

Information made available by _____ San Diego Police Department, Homicide, reflects that MIRABILE, in his will, bequeathed a majority of his estate to _____. Five other relatives were bequeathed \$1.25 each by terms of the will. No reason was given in the will for this odd figure.

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_____ by MIRABILE, who was present _____ received nothing.

On 2/3/59 _____ advised that after discussion with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, based on investigation to date, authorization had _____

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based on investigation to date, authorization had been
obtained to arrest VICTOR FRANCIS BUONO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ERNEST NELSON
MURRAY, JOHN HENRY THWAITTS, and Mrs. JEAN HORTON.

These individuals were arrested on 2/3/59 and charged
with Suspicion of Murder.

As the Bureau has been advised, a weapon
recovered at the scene of the murder was identified as
belonging to [REDACTED] told officers that about 3
months prior to the killing he had loaned the gun to
[REDACTED] an ex-convict, currently appealing a
Federal smuggling sentence, stated that someone stole
the gun from him.

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[REDACTED] informed that investigation reflected
that THWAITTS had been in contact with MURRAY prior to the
shooting. THWAITTS has a criminal record of 5 convictions
for robbery and kidnapping to rob. He was sentenced
on 4/15/50 to life imprisonment without possibility of
parole and was paroled 10/15/58. He has been identified
as the fingerman in 11 robberies in the Los Angeles area.
THWAITTS had been a cellmate of Mrs. HORTON's husband at
Folsom State Prison.

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Mrs. HORTON, according to [REDACTED] has
arrest record on narcotics charges and First Degree
Burglary.

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[REDACTED] and other officers are of the
opinion that the motive in the slaying of MIRABILE was
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that the killing resulted when MIRABILE resisted.

As the Bureau has been advised [redacted]
[redacted] advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] large sum of money from MIRABILE
and MIRABILE had shown him \$50,000 which he occasionally
carried on his person.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] by MIRABILE in downtown San Diego, stated that MIRABILE
always carried not less than \$15,000 to \$20,000 on his
person.

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CI informed that [redacted]
[redacted] told him that the Maria was not involved
in the killing of MIRABILE.

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WILLIAM R. LIPIN, Aka
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"The San Diego Union" dated 1/29/59 contains
news item captioned "U. S. Crime Probe Hears San Diegan",
datelined Los Angeles, 1/29/59.

The news item reports the appearance before
a Los Angeles Federal Grand Jury of WILLIAM R. LIPIN,
owner of the Roxy Loan Company, 862 - 4 th Avenue,
San Diego, California.

Other witnesses appearing before the Federal
Grand Jury convening in Los Angeles, according to this
item, were JOSEPH BONANNO, attendee at Appalachian
conference, ONOFRIE SCIORTINO of San Francisco, ANGELO
MASSAGLI of San Francisco, and JOSEPH BENFATTI of Los
Angeles.

The news item states "The grand jury is one

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of four across the nation studying the Mafia international crime syndicate. Authorities said some of the 29 witnesses called so far had no idea some of their business associates were linked with the Mafia."

Investigation concerning LIPIN was conducted by the San Diego Office under the Top Hoodlum Program. LIPIN, a close associate of San Diego top hoodlums, was identified as being in contact with ~~FRANK~~ ^{NY.} ~~DESIMONE~~, Los Angeles Top Hoodlum, who also attended the Appalachin ^{BRAN} meeting.

WILLIAM G. ~~BONELLI~~
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SD 92-142

"San Diego Union" dated 1/30/59 contains news item datelined Sacramento, California, January 29, 1959, in which BONELLI, former member of the State Board of Equalization and a fugitive in Mexico from San Diego and Riverside County indictments, has applied for pension payments. ^{CRAN}

State Controller, ALAN CRANSTON, is quoted as stating that he is holding up the payments pending a legal opinion from the California Attorney General's Office. BONELLI reportedly applied for pension payments amounting to \$444.35 a month to be sent to him in Mexico City.

BONELLI, as the Bureau has been previously advised, was indicted on conspiracy charges in San Diego County and bribery charges in Riverside County in connection with illegal liquor license transactions. He fled to Mexico City. Requests to extradite him to the United States for prosecution have, to date, been denied by Mexican authorities.

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This news item reports that BONELLI reached the state retirement age of 63 on 11/9/58.

In his letter to the California State Attorney's Office, the State Controller "conceded that courts have ruled that felons, including some of those convicted in the liquor administration scandals of 1954, were eligible for their state pensions even though they were in prison."

But CRANSTON raises the issue: "Is there a legal distinction between a person who submits to the law of this state, even though ultimately convicted, and one who evades and defies the law?"

[REDACTED] Aka
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[REDACTED] related that a private residence owned by the Italian American Club, 3044 Suncrest Drive, San Diego, was utilized as a clubroom. Poker games with rather high stakes were engaged in at this address. CI

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[REDACTED] has allegedly lost some \$3,000 gambling there during the past month.

CI related that there is some indication among the San Diego Sicilians that [REDACTED] will probably assume leadership in view of MIRABILE'S death.

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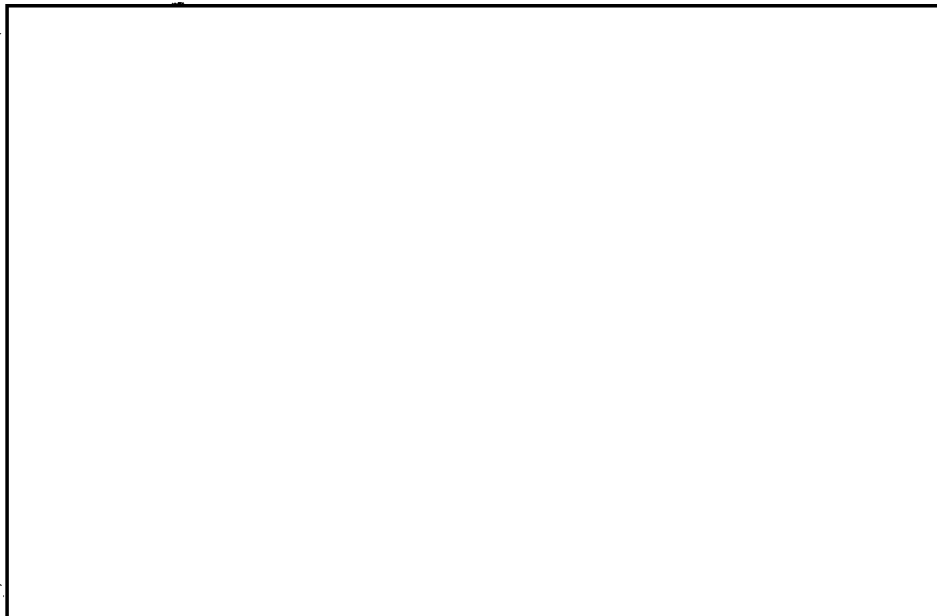
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[redacted] this Association held installation
of officers at the Monaco Nightclub in San Diego.

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[redacted] The following
individuals, investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program,
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The latter was considered by San Diego Police
officers to be [redacted] MIRABILE.

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CI related that [redacted]
[redacted] if he would be willing to [redacted]
[redacted] the Italian-American
Civic Association. CI stated that [redacted]
[redacted] CI informed that he does
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None

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
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[redacted] advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] Downtown San Diego, b2
was handling narcotics. [redacted] the narcotics. b7C
presumably marijuana, in the [redacted]
This information was furnished to the San Diego Police
Department Vice Squad and Narcotics Detail. b7D

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SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

ANTONINO MIRABILE, aka - AR
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Re San Diego weekly summary dated 2-5-59 and prior airtels reporting the killing of MIRABILE on 12-27-58 in San Diego.

[redacted] San Diego Police Department Homicide Squad, advised that first degree murder indictments against the five individuals arrested for this murder are being sought. These individuals are named and described in prior airtels. b7C

As a sidelight in this case, "The San Diego Union" dated 2-6-59 contains item in which defendant VICTOR FRANCIS BUONO [redacted]

[redacted] is quoted as telling a news reporter that MIRABILE was his friend and he was not implicated in his killing. This item further states: b2

"BUONO was an all-around athlete in San Diego High School but specialized in football, track and the cross-country running. He graduated in 1927 and started a premedical course at the University of Southern California. After being forced to quit medical school because of finances, BUONO joined the San Diego police force in May, 1941. He was a sergeant on the narcotics and vice squad when he resigned Aug. 31, 1949, to become a bail bondsman. BUONO's bail bond business led to his association with parrot smugglers and his eventual conviction on a parrot smuggling conspiracy charge. He is on federal court probation now."

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"The San Diego Evening Tribune" dated 2-9-59 carries news item reporting that Governor BRAULIO MALDONADO, Baja California, Mexico, has termed the controversy over 43 Americans arrested in the Rosarito Beach gambling raid as the result of United States and Las Vegas gamblers efforts to wreck the reputation of Baja California. MALDONADO alleged "U. S. gamblers and gangsters were disappointed when the new administration of President ADOLFO LOPEZ MATEOS announced that Federal anti-gambling laws would remain in effect and started a crack-down on gambling establishments".

"The San Diego Evening Tribune" dated 2-10-59 states that Mexico's Interior Minister GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ, in an interview in Mexico City, said that "San Diego is not the place to make Mexican policy and that his country will enforce its gambling laws".

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had received information from what he considered reliable sources that [redacted]

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San Diego Agents acquainted with the situation are of the opinion that the raid was possibly [redacted]

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Information concerning gambling at Rosarito Beach, B. C., Mexico, has been furnished the Bureau on a current and continuing basis. In this respect reference is made to TOP HOODLUM WEEKLY SUMMARY dated 2-5-59.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he has obtained photographs of the Bartenders Union pickets who picketed the International Border concerning the alleged mistreatment and excessive bail sentence for the Americans arrested in the Rosarito Beach raid. These photographs will be made available to the Bureau if requested.

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WILLIAM G. BONELLI - AR
SD 92-142

"The San Diego Union" dated 2-10-59 reports in an article datelined Sacramento, California, that California must pay the fugitive WILLIAM G. BONELLI \$445.00 a month pension for life. This opinion was furnished the press by State Legislative Counsel RALPH N. KLEPS.

BONELLI is reported to have applied for this pension from his jail cell in Mexico City. BONELLI was being held in jail in Mexico City pending a hearing by Mexican authorities to determine whether he should be extradited to the United States to face trial in San Diego and Riverside Counties, where he has been indicted for illegal liquor license transactions and bribery, in connection with his position as Southern California member of the California State Board of Equalization.

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Reference is made to Weekly Summary dated 2-12-59 and prior airtels.

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This officer further stated that the Federal officers

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[REDACTED] has advised that he has been ordered

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the investigation of the 43 Americans arrested in the casino raid. These Americans were incarcerated for several days and posted bail of from \$1600 to \$3200 to obtain their release.

As the Bureau has been informed in prior airtels, considerable pressure was placed on Mexican authorities due to the incarceration and "exorbitant bail". San Diego sources are of the opinion that LOZANO's discharge was brought about due to criticism by American officials.

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ANTONINO MIRABILE, aka - AR
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Reference is made to Weekly Summary dated 2-12-59 and prior airtels reporting the killing of MIRABILE on 12-27-58 in San Diego.

MIRABILE, considered most important of San Diego Top Hoodlums, was shot to death in his San Diego apartment by a male, accompanied by a blonde female.

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[redacted] San Diego Police Department, confidentially advised that [redacted] admitted being the blonde female involved. She confessed that she and [redacted] an ex-convict, went to the apartment house operated by MIRABILE on the night of 12-26-58. The door was locked, the tenants therein being provided with keys. She and [redacted] then telephoned MIRABILE from a neighborhood bar. After call she told bartender "TONY will let us in now". She and [redacted] then proceeded to apartment house and were met at door and admitted by MIRABILE. [redacted] put gun on MIRABILE and they followed him upstairs to his apartment. MIRABILE was shot by [redacted] when he resisted robbery.

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[redacted] stated that HORTON was reluctant to discuss [redacted] part in the murder inasmuch as she stated [redacted] saved my life". During attempted robbery of MIRABILE [redacted] emerged from a bedroom in MIRABILE's apartment and was attacked with a knife by [redacted] took knife from [redacted] had her on the floor, and was in act of stabbing her with knife when she screamed. [redacted] then knocked [redacted] temporarily unconscious with blow on head. [redacted] has knife wounds on chest from this assault.

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[redacted] has identified [redacted] female attacker. He failed to pick [redacted] as male assailant from police lineup. San Diego Police Department officers, however,

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are of opinion that _____ inasmuch as during lineup _____ that assailant did not have mustache on night of killing. In lineup _____ was only individual wearing mustache.

_____ has stated that _____ master-minded the robbery. _____ gun was found at scene of robbery.

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_____ advised that the San Diego Italian associates of MIRABILE were conducting their own investigation of the killing. He stated that on 2-9-59 _____ accompanied by an unknown Sicilian from San Francisco California interviewed ACQUARO _____ concerning the MIRABILE killing.

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The above information concerning _____ has been furnished to San Diego Police Department officers inasmuch as _____ in this case. _____ and ex-convicted armed robber _____ are all in custody for the murder of MIRABILE.

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"The San Diego Union" dated 2-19-59 carries news item reporting the testimony of sixteen witnesses before a San Diego County Grand Jury. San Diego County District Attorney DON KELLER is seeking an indictment against each of the above-named five individuals for MIRABILE's slaying.

JOSEPH ERNESTO MATRANGA - AR
SD 92-19

_____ advised that _____ MATRANGA, _____ Detroit, Michigan, was visiting JOSEPH and other relatives in San Diego. San Diego Office has no derogatory information concerning _____ JOSEPH and FRANCISCO ISADORE MATRANGA (SD 92-98) were investigated under the Top Hoodlum

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WEEK UNDER THIS PROGRAM

None

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES

[redacted] aka - POLICE COOPERATION -
SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SD 80-131). [redacted]
[redacted] advised SA [redacted] using the name [redacted]
[redacted] is possibly residing with [redacted]
[redacted] SDSO has warrant for [redacted]
This information furnished to SDSO.

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Date: 2-26-59

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Via AIRTEL _____

AIR MAIL _____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)
SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], aka.

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AR; NEUTRALITY MATTERS, SMUGGLING AND CUSTOMS LAWS

Los Angeles is Origin in case captioned MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka - AR.

On 1-20-59 Immigration and Naturalization Service Air Intelligence Investigator [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that a confidential source of his informed him that COHEN

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] the famous Hollywood producer, has claimed ownership of [redacted] [redacted] convicted smuggler who is currently on Federal probation [redacted] has been driving a late model [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] recently parked a late model [redacted] [redacted] related that these vehicles are parked in [redacted] reportedly for the purpose of [redacted] after which they are [redacted] by unidentified persons.

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Relative to [redacted] [redacted] advised that one [redacted] recently applied to the U. S. Probation Office to permit [redacted] to work for him on locations in [redacted]

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[redacted] General Services Studios, 1040 North Las Palmas, Hollywood, California.

[redacted] file available, reflecting that [redacted] applied to the U. S. Probation Office for permission to work [redacted] Blancamar Productions, S. A., Havana, Cuba. [redacted] also applied for permission to work for Mary Pickford Motion Picture Company. [redacted] stated he had no further information concerning the latter company. On 9-30-58, [redacted] requested permission to make a trip to the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico, for a movie organization. [redacted] currently resides at [redacted] [redacted] near San Diego, according to [redacted]

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The above information was furnished to Los Angeles.

On 1-26-59 Los Angeles advised that the [redacted] referred to is probably identical with [redacted] [redacted] North Hollywood, California.

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On 2-5-58 a 1957 pink Cadillac bearing California license [redacted] registered to [redacted] was observed in contact with COHEN at 2:55 a. m. at the Carousel Ice Cream Parlor, 11719 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

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[redacted] according to records of GMAC, Los Angeles, have resided at above address for approximately six years; formerly of Providence, Rhode Island. In March, 1958, they were having difficulties in meeting payments on this Cadillac, and GMAC was considering repossession.

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These records reflect that [] and his wife claim ownership of Murro Investments from Nome and that [] had income from oil investments in Oklahoma. b7C

It has also been ascertained that [] is a member of the Writers Guild of America and claims to be a producer and owns a production company known as []. He is also associated with [] who rent office space at General Service Studios, 1040 North Las Palmas, Los Angeles.

Persons associated with this production company at General Service were also to some degree associated with Stanway Investment Company and Langridge Productions, also 1040 North Las Palmas, who were associated with COHEN.

[] (conceal), advised SA [] b7C
[] has rented space in Building 17, Room 7, on the lot. [] claims to be a producer and that he is presently engaged b7D
in cutting a picture at some other studio lot. He is associated with one [] (LNU), who claims his name is too hard to pronounce and never uses it. [] has been on the lot about six months.

[] name, according to [] was among those b7C
connected or associated with Stanway Investment Company who b7D
were asked to move from the lot in May, 1958, because of their suspicious actions.

The name of [] b2
[] came up in this case in connection with a b7C
slip or paper furnished by [] bearing b7D
telephone number [] and the name [] The phone check-
out to []

It is noted that [] on 9-30-58 requested permission to make a trip to Yucatan Peninsula to engage in motion-picture work. Also, on 9-29-58, Omecc Productions, also of 1040 North Las Palmas, went on location in the southwest United States to make a picture starring LIZ RENAY, which picture, was touted as being financed by COHEN, which assertion has never been proven. b7C

On 2-25-59 [] U. S. Customs Agency Service, San Diego, advised that U. S. Customs had seized

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a Douglas B 26 plane, Registry No. N5292V, registered under name Rector Air Enterprises, Inc. [redacted]

[redacted] This is the plane used to transport the liquor from British Honduras, as described above. [redacted] stated that [redacted] denied any knowledge of what the plane was being used for, and the plane will be returned to [redacted] b7C

[redacted] advised that he interviewed JEROLD ZUKOR on two occasions, at which times ZUKOR denied being involved in any illegal activities, claiming to be an independent movie producer. b7C

[redacted] identified the pilots of the plane as [redacted] at the time it was seized. [redacted] is an associate of [redacted] b7C

[redacted] stated that U. S. Customs Agent [redacted] currently assigned as Legat, Mexico City, had written letter that information had been received CONFIDENTIALLY from [redacted]

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[redacted] related that an associate of ZUKOR is believed to be [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he has no information that COHEN is associated with the above individuals.

He informed that [redacted] is rumored to be [redacted] President of Mexico. b7C

[redacted] advised that he has information from a reliable CONFIDENTIAL source that [redacted]

[redacted] remarked that the deal sounds phony to him. [redacted] reportedly has been occupying suite 310, Park Hilton Hotel, New York, and is returning to San Diego by plane 2-26-59. [redacted] recently visited New York on another trip in connection with these individuals, at which time he stayed at the Hilton Savoy, Sheraton, or the Park Hilton Hotel in New York. He has been b7C

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spending money freely and the identities of his contacts are not known.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is currently on parole for violations of U. S. Customs laws, smuggling, and these b7c trips constitute a violation of his parole. He added, however, that U. S. Customs are conducting no investigation into this matter and was merely referring the information to U. S. Probation Officer, San Diego. He stated that no investigation would be conducted in New York, by U. S. Customs.

[redacted] is described as WMA, born Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] 5'3", 165 pounds, stocky build, b7c medium complexion, thinning brown hair, tattoos "Womans head" left forearm, "Pierced hearts" right forearm. small brown mole under left eye. [redacted]

[redacted] has arrests for armed robbery, smuggling, illegal possession of liquor, narcotics.

In view of Bureau instructions concerning Neutrality Matters no active investigation is being conducted by San Diego other than to maintain contact with San Diego sources in connection with the COHEN case.

The above information has been furnished the Bureau, Los Angeles, and New York, via separate communication.

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - AR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NUMBER OF CASES OPENED DURING PAST
WEEK UNDER THIS PROGRAM

None

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
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None

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Date: 3-5-59

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

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ANTONINO MIRABILE, aka - AR
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Re Weekly Summary dated 2-19-59 and prior summaries reporting the killing of MIRABILE on 12-27-58 at San Diego.

"The San Diego Union" dated 3-2-59 sets forth information reported to have been furnished to the San Diego County Grand Jury on February 19, 1959, which Grand Jury indicted the five individuals involved in the slaying of MIRABILE, VICTOR FRANCIS BUONO [REDACTED] ERNEST MURRAY, WILFRED W. ROBARGE, JOHN HENRY THWAITTS, and Mrs. JEANNE HORTON. b2

The news account reports that the Grand Jury transcript of testimony given by Mrs. HORTON is as follows:

"THWAITTS contacted me by phone at noon Dec. 26. He said 'they' had a job to go on where they needed a young woman to gain access to an apartment house; that there is a lot of money to be made. I consented at 5 or 6 p. m. Dec. 26. THWAITTS and ROBARGE arrived at my apartment in Santa Monica. We drove to San Diego, arriving about 8 p. m. We made contact with some people at Hotel San Diego at 9.

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"THWAITS went to another car parked nearby. A fat man got out and the fat man and THWAITS went into the hotel. They came out shortly. They returned to their cars and both drove up 6th Avenue and parked near an apartment house a mile or so from downtown. The fat man came to the car and laid out the robbery plan. Then I learned he was MURRAY. He said there would be \$50,000 to \$120,000 on MIRABILE's person or in a wall safe. MURRAY said MIRABILE was deathly afraid of knives. One of the men gave her a knife; I don't remember which one. I was to call MIRABILE's apartment and tell him I was a friend of a friend of his who worked at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas.

"MURRAY said all his information about MIRABILE came from an ex-San Diego policeman and body guard of MIRABILE.

"MURRAY said he didn't have the phone number, got out of the car, returned to the other, spoke to man at wheel, and returned.

"I identified for police a newspaper photograph of BUONO as the man MURRAY spoke to in the car. I wrote the phone number he gave me on a piece of paper. Before we went to the apartment we drove around town, then went to a hotel and had dinner with THWAITS and a man named SONNY.

"Then we went to the Cosmopolitan Bar on 5th Avenue, a block or two from MIRABILE's apartment. I used the phone there to call MIRABILE. He invited me to his apartment. SONNY and I walked over to the apartment and waited a few minutes but MIRABILE didn't show. I called again. MIRABILE said, 'We must have missed connections. I'll meet you downstairs in five minutes.' We returned and met MIRABILE at the front door. The three of us went by elevator to the third floor. I became aware that a gun was going to be used. We made small talk about Las Vegas, then I excused myself and went to the bathroom. Five minutes later, SONNY did also.

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"When he returned, he was holding a gun and said, 'This is a stickup.' MIRABILE started screaming and SONNY ran toward a closed door. When it opened the boy (FILLIPO AQUARO) was standing there.

SONNY ran back to MIRABILE. I took the knife and started advancing on FILLIPO, telling him to be quiet and he wouldn't get hurt. He turned around, picked a mattress off the bed and threw it at me, knocking me down. He jumped on me and we struggled for the knife. I heard pistol shots and looked up and saw MIRABILE still walking around. FILLIPO took the knife from me and I felt it enter my chest, I felt it strike a bone and I was praying it wouldn't slip off the bone. SONNY struck FILLIPO, knocking him off me. I got up and started to run. I looked back and saw SONNY following me. I fell going down the stairway. I yelled to SONNY to go ahead that I couldn't make it. SONNY stopped and picked me up and helped me to the car. THWAITS was driving. I jumped in front and lay my head in his lap. SONNY got in back. I was bleeding badly. We drove several hours. We went to a house in the vicinity of Los Angeles. We were there two or three days. SONNY cut out as soon as we got there. I called my boy friend, HARRY, to tell him I was okay. THWAITS took me home."

Mrs. HORTON is quoted as stating that she knew of no money being taken from the MIRABILE apartment.

In addition to the above publicity concerning Grand Jury testimony, [redacted] Homicide Detail, San Diego Police Department, advised that San Diego County District Attorney KELLER appeared in a filmed television interview in which he publicly furnished information concerning this case. b7c

On 3-4-59 [redacted] advised that Superior Court Judge JOHN A. HEWICKER, in open court, criticized KELLER and Chief of Police, San Diego Police Department, for the publicity given the

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Grand Jury testimony and other publicity in this case. Due to this publicity attorneys for the five defendants, according to [redacted] are attempting to have the trial removed to another county. A motion for said removal has been granted in the case of THWAITS. b7C

[redacted] related that from the remarks of Judge HEWICKER it is his opinion that removal for trial outside of San Diego County for the other defendants will probably also be granted. b7C

"The San Diego Evening Tribune" dated 3-4-59 quotes Judge HEWICKER as stating he probably will grant a change of venue for THWAITS, remarking "He would not be able to obtain a fair trial in San Diego." This news item further states "HEWICKER told KELLER: 'If this doesn't stop (giving information on cases before trial), you and your deputies are going to be the most traveled district attorney and deputies in California.' HEWICKER said he didn't 'appreciate' the Evening Tribune's publishing of the statement of Mrs. JEANNE HORTON to police as given in the transcript of grand jury proceedings. She is a co-defendant of THWAITS. News directors of two local television stations who had been subpoenaed were called to give film and scripts of telecasts as exhibits in the hearing.

"After HEWICKER criticized KELLER for appearing in a filmed television interview, KELLER said: 'It was stupid and ill-conceived. I shouldn't have done it.'

"The judge criticized KELLER and JANSEN for appearing on another television program which was filmed at the police station. HEWICKER said he doesn't think it is right for any public official to discuss a case before it comes to trial. Besides the two television news directors, PATRICK HIGGINS of

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KFSD-TV and RAYMOND A. WILSON of KFMB-TV, the names of two other newsmen were brought up in the hearing. THWAITS' attorney referred to radio newscaster LIONEL VAN DEERLIN's broadcast of an article in Life Magazine which referred to THWAITS' past. HEWICKER said the article contained information which might or might not be accepted as evidence of prior convictions. THWAITS' attorney said that on Feb. 4 JANSEN (Chief of Police) described in a filmed interview for KFMB's HAROLD KEEN the vast amount of investigation that had been done in the MIRABILE murder."

FRANK BOMPENSIERO - AR
SD 92-25

BOMPENSIERO was investigated as one of the original Top Ten San Diego hoodlums. He is currently confined in California State Penitentiary for bribery and other offenses in connection with liquor license sales during the regime of WILLIAM G. BONELLI, former Southern California member of the State Board of Equalization. BONELLI is currently a Fugitive in Mexico from indictments in San Diego and Riverside Counties for illegal liquor license transactions.

[redacted] advised that the local San Diego b2
Sicilians are of the opinion that BOMPENSIERO will assume b7D
leadership of this group in San Diego upon his release from
the penitentiary in view of the slaying of MIRABILE, named above.

MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka - AR
SD 92-75

Reference San Diego Weekly Summary 2-26-59 captioned
"MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka; [redacted] aka
AR; NEUTRALITY MATTERS, SMUGGLING AND CUSTOMS LAWS."

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On 3-3-59 [redacted] advised that [redacted] told him that ZUKOR [redacted] of COHEN. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] for some Las Vegas casino owners. [redacted] stated that this information has been furnished to U. S. Customs Agents and it is his opinion that [redacted] is possibly bragging. [redacted] told [redacted] that he called COHEN quite frequently and that [redacted] could reach him in Los Angeles by calling COHEN's number and asking for [redacted] and stating to the person who answered the phone that he was [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] has numerous friends who own fishing boats who would possibly go along with his smuggling schemes. This information also has been furnished to U. S. Customs.

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TOMMY "NUMBERS" McDONALD - AR
GIIF - SAN DIEGO DIVISION
SD 94-27

[redacted] advised that he had ascertained that McDONALD was co-owner of the "Star Dust" in Las Vegas, Nevada. He related that he was acquainted with McDONALD in Chicago about twenty years ago when McDONALD operated numbers games and was in the "policy racket". McDONALD owned the Singapore Night Club on Rush Street, Chicago. CI related that a girl friend [redacted] has been associating with McDONALD in Las Vegas. [redacted] CI when she is in San Diego. CI described McDONALD as WMA, about 58 years, 5'10", slender build, gray hair.

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ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIC ASSOCIATION
GIIF - SAN DIEGO DIVISION
SD 94-27

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a banquet to be given by this association at the U. S. Grant
Hotel in San Diego on 3-21-59.

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None

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES

None

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Date: 3/12/59

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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ^{FHP}~~SAN~~ DIEGOTOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

MEYER HARRIS COHEN. Aka;

[redacted] Aka b7C

AR; NEUTRALITY MATTERS,
SMUGGLING AND CUSTOMS LAWSRe San Diego Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary dated
February 26, 1959. b7C

On March 10, 1959, United States Probation Officer
[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that investigation by
the United States Probation Office, New York City, revealed
that Security Officers at the Savoy-Hilton Hotel, Fifth
Avenue and 58th Street, identified photograph of [redacted]
[redacted] as that of individual whom they had seen in the
hotel during February, 1959. b7C

Room 310, allegedly occupied by [redacted] was
registered to a [redacted]
[redacted] from February 7, 1959 to February 20, 1959.

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Section)

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The maid caring for this room identified photograph of [] as resembling individual occupying this room whom she stated had only one suitcase which was "always packed ready to leave". b7C

[] stated that he is certain that [] occupied this room, probably using the alias [] b7C

The adjoining room, 309, which is joined to Room 310 by a door, was occupied during this period by individuals who registered as []

The occupants represented themselves to be in the importing business. b7C

[] stated that the United States Probation Office, New York, furnished him no information concerning the identities of [] contacts or information concerning his activities while in New York. b7C

The above information has been furnished by separate communication to the Bureau and interested offices in view of allegations set forth in retel that COHEN, [] and associates were possibly engaged in smuggling firearms. b7C

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INFORMATION CONCERNING
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[] advised SA [] that [] San Diego Fisherman's Association, 401 Harbor Lane, San Diego, who resides at [] considered some of the San Diego tavern owners and bartenders to be members of the Mafia. [] did not further disclose what he meant by the Mafia or how he arrived at this conclusion. b2 b7C b7D

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Confidential Informant related that [redacted] that Sicilians in San Diego who have Mafia connections operate through the Italian-American Civic Association. [redacted] this association should be termed the Italian-American "Assassination Club".

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[redacted] this club was organized by FRANK BOMPRENSIERO (SD 92-25) and ANTONINO MIRABILE (SD 92-20); both were investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program.

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MIRABILE, considered the most important of San Diego top hoodlums, was shot to death in his apartment on December 27, 1958, in a robbery attempt.

[redacted] formerly belonged to this organization, but left it due to the characters of some of the Sicilian members involved. He related that other Italian members also left the organization for the same reason, these included [redacted]

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According to Confidential Informant [redacted] Senator [redacted] Bar for MIRABILE, was MIRABILE's [redacted] Confidential Informant.

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[redacted] said that since MIRABILE's death, the leading candidates for his position as head of the local Sicilians are JOSEPH LIMANDRI (SD 92-77) and [redacted] (SD 92-76).

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[redacted] Confidential Informant that prior to MIRABILE's death, [redacted] MIRABILE, was questioned by the San Diego Police Department concerning bookmaking. Following this questioning, MIRABILE [redacted]

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[REDACTED] b7C
ANTONINO, did not associate with any of the San Diego Sicilian
hoodlums who allegedly have Mafia connections, and was
entirely different from ANTONINO MIRABILE.

[REDACTED] was formerly [REDACTED] b7C
in San
Diego.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGOTOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY[redacted] (Ph); ET AL b7C
NEUTRALITY MATTERS; SMUGGLING
AND CUSTOMS LAWS

Re Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary dated March 12, 1959 and prior airtels concerning allegations of violations of Neutrality Laws and smuggling by individuals allegedly associated with MEYER HARRIS COHEN, Aka., Top Hoodlum, Los Angeles.

[redacted] has been engaged in "gun running" from Florida to Cuba. He recently had in his possession several M-1 carbines, machine guns, and hand grenades. [redacted] is described as white male American, 45 to 50 years, 5' 6" or 5' 7", slender build, blond-gray hair, partly bald, "watery" blue eyes, large nose. b7C

[redacted] recently piloted a B26 bomber from the Long Beach, California, area to the interior of Mexico. Immigration and Naturalization Service ascertained that the bomber left Long Beach, but was unable to develop information concerning its specific destination and could locate no flight plan for this plane. [redacted] have been piloting planes for [redacted] is identical with FBI Number [redacted] according to Immigration and Naturalization Service. b7C

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President of Mexico, LOPEZ MATEOS, is also associated with these individuals. He, along with two attorneys from Mexico City, reportedly visited _____ in San Diego, California, during first week in March to discuss _____. b7C

_____ is also allegedly associated with these individuals and is a close friend of _____. _____ is a derivative United States citizen born in Vienna, Austria, _____. He constantly travels about Central America, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. He is also allegedly involved in large-scale narcotics transactions. b7C

San Diego serial 105-0-465 possibly refers to _____. This is a teletype to the Director and other offices from Los Angeles dated March 8, 1950, captioned _____ Aka., _____ IS - R. This teletype reports the arrest of _____ by Immigration and Naturalization Service officers and describes _____ City as her husband. _____ Immigration and Naturalization Service confidential informant that she was active member of Communist Party in Vienna, Austria, and had been employed Post Office, Russian Zone, Vienna, as censor.

Another individual believed to be involved in this operation is _____ who was recently arrested by Mexican authorities while enroute to Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, with a load of firearms. _____ is a resident alien residing in the San Diego area. _____ is possibly identical with the victim of San Diego file 26-4443, an ITSMV case which lists his residence as National City, California. b7C

San Diego Office indices are negative concerning the other subjects mentioned, except as noted above and as reported in San Diego airtel dated February 26, 1959, captioned MEYER

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HARRIS COHEN, Aka.; [REDACTED] Aka.,
AR; NEUTRALITY MATTERS; SMUGGLING AND CUSTOMS LAWS.

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Of further possible interest concerning smuggling by aircraft, Immigration and Naturalization Service related that local radar along the Mexican border does not track or report low-flying slow aircraft; aircraft flying lower than 1,500 feet or travelling slower than 120 to 150 knots. Such aircraft are not required by law or current military regulations to file advance notice of penetration of ADIZ (Air Defense Identification Zone.)

All planes are required by regulation to advise CAA (Civil Aeronautics Authority) of their altitude and speed prior to penetration of ADIZ. On doing so, if their reported speed and altitude is less than the figures quoted above, they are not tracked by radar assigned to ADIZ.

There are quite a number of instances when smugglers fail to report. These planes generally fly below 1,500 feet and travel in the neighborhood of 120 knots.

Theoretically, planes flying over 1,500 feet and travelling over 150 knots per hour will be intercepted by United States Air Force fighters. Planes travelling at slower speeds are quickly passed without being identified by the much speedier jet fighters.

Immigration and Naturalization Service informed that that it receives reliable reports of several illegal unreported aircraft crossing the Mexican border each month. They estimate that there are four or five times that many aircraft crossing the border both ways which Immigration and Naturalization Service Air Intelligence never hears about.

Immigration and Naturalization Service advised that the INS Air Intelligence Program, assisted by Immigration

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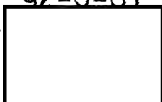
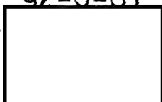
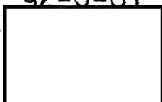
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
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WEEKLY SUMMARY

SENATE LABOR RACKETS COMMITTEE HEARINGS,
WASHINGTON, D. C., TESTIMONY BY HAL G.
SHERRY CONCERNING ASSAULT IN SAN DIEGO,
ALLEGEDLY BY SAN DIEGO HOODLUMS
SD 94-69-28

"The San Diego Evening Tribune" dated 3-24-59 carries news item datelined Washington, D. C., which reports that "The Senate Labor Rackets Committee today heard testimony from a former union business manager that he was beaten and tortured by three hoodlums in San Diego in 1951. He said the attack occurred because he refused to involve his union in the coin machine racket. HAL G. SHERRY of San Gabriel, California, testified that the hoodlums used a knife and a hammer handle to torture him."

"They warned him that he would get even worse treatment if he didn't comply with their demands to muscle in on his union. SHERRY told the committee, which is investigating coin machine rackets in California."

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"The assault occurred in a San Diego hotel, SHERRY testified. Surgery was required later, he added.

"The union, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, then abandoned its efforts to organize coin machine operations, SHERRY testified.

"After that, the Teamsters Union moved in, the obviously nervous witness told the committee. SHERRY was reluctant to relate the torture incident. 'I would rather not tell it,' he said, adding that he never reported it to the San Diego police because 'I was too ashamed of it.'

"SHERRY said that he had been attempting to organize the businesses of several coin machine operators in San Diego in 1951. He recalled that the torture was inflicted on him after he had turned down demands of FRANK BOMPENSIERO, identified by the committee as a San Diego hoodlum now serving a term in San Quentin state penitentiary.

"The witness said that BOMPENSIERO 'told me I couldn't organize unless they were cut in fifty-fifty.'"

Relative to the above, reference is made to San Diego letter to the Bureau dated 1-8-54, captioned "THE MAFIA - SAN DIEGO DIVISION - GIIF - Criminal Section, Investigative Division." This letter reports the efforts by SHERRY, whose true name is shown as GEORGE F. BEVANS, to organize the coin machine operators of San Diego. SHERRY's efforts were opposed by San Diego Top Hoodlum FRANK BOMPENSIERO, who demanded a fifty-fifty split with SHERRY. The assault of SHERRY is known to San Diego Police and Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence as "The Cucumber Incident" or "The Pickle Story". Full details relative thereto are set forth in re San Diego letter to the Bureau.

Following the alleged assault of SHERRY by three San Diego Italians, in which SHERRY was reportedly knocked unconscious, SHERRY drove to Los Angeles without reporting to local police. A Los Angeles doctor performed a rectal operation, removing an eight inch by two and a half inch cucumber.

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HAROLD MELTZER, aka

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MELTZER is Top Hoodlum, Los Angeles Division.

On 3-24-59 U. S. Customs Agent [redacted] San Ysidro, California, advised that USA, Los Angeles, had authorized the filing of a complaint charging MELTZER with violation of the Narcotics Control Act of 1956 (18 USC, Section 1407). MELTZER, who has been convicted for violation of the Federal Narcotics Laws, according to [redacted] recently visited Hong Kong, China, and upon return to the United States via Honolulu on 3-1-59, filed a baggage declaration there. MELTZER failed to register with U. S. Customs prior to departing from the United States and on return, in accordance with the Narcotics Control Act and is subject to up to three years imprisonment for said violation. b7C

[redacted] stated that U. S. Customs is currently attempting to locate witnesses who can testify that MELTZER also visited Rosarito Beach, B. C., Mexico, during the summer and fall of 1958 when the gambling casino was in operation there. He allegedly made several visits to the casino in the company of IRVING GABRIEL GLASSER, Top Hoodlum Los Angeles. b7C

As the Bureau has been previously advised, registration certificates for those previously convicted of narcotics violations, and addicts, on file with U. S. Customs offices, have proved a valuable investigative aid.

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On 3-24-59 I & NS Investigator [redacted] San Ysidro, California, advised that the central office of INS, despite the protests of Federal Narcotics Bureau, was apparently authorizing the admission to the United States for permanent residence, [redacted]

Relative to [redacted] reference is made to weekly summary dated 2-28-58 and 3-7-58, the latter under the sub caption "FRANK DESIMONE - AR" OO - LA (SD 92-14). [redacted]

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allegedly furnished Federal Narcotics Bureau Agent in Rome, Italy, information concerning DESIMONE succeeding the late JACK IGNATIUS DRAGNA as head of the West Coast Mafia.

According to [redacted] DE GREGORIO has recently been operating a liquor store in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, which was purchased by [redacted]

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Reference San Diego Weekly Summary dated 3-7-58 under the subheading [redacted] aka - AR" 00 - SD (SD 92-21). MATRANGA, [redacted] JOSEPH DIPPOLITO allegedly controlled bookmaking and gambling in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California, during about 1951. [redacted] was deported to Italy during 1952 by US INS. Shortly thereafter he moved to Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, [redacted] Romo Cheese Factory.

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[redacted] advised that MATRANGA [redacted] described later, allegedly hide out Sicilian hoodlums, in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico.

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On 3-24-59 INS Investigator [redacted] advised that MATRANGA was being permitted by INS to immigrate to the United States for permanent residence.

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MATRANGA, according to San Diego Office indices was born 5-28-1898 in Prana dei Greci, Palermo, Sicily, FBI #4508829.

ANTONINO BUSTERNA, aka
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BUSTERNA was deported to Italy by US INS following conviction in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, on 10-28 49, for violation of the Harrison Narcotics Act and Bribery of Federal Officers. Shortly after deportation he appeared in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, where he has since been operating the Palermo Bar and Restaurant, a notorious hang-out for Sicilian hoodlums from the United States. According to [redacted] BUSTERNA will hide out any Sicilian hoodlums seeking sanctuary from United States authorities.

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San Diego Office indices reflect BUSTERNA was born 5-3-06. Memfi. Sicily. He is the [redacted] aka [redacted] San Francisco hoodlum, considered by San

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Francisco authorities to be one of the principal bookmakers and gamblers of that area.

On 3-24-59 INS Investigator [] advised that BUSTERNA was being granted an immigration visa by US INS which will permit him to visit the United States when he so desires. b7C

NATHAN ROSENBERG, aka
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Reference San Diego Weekly Summary dated 10-17-58, which reported the Rackets Sub Committee, California State Assembly Judiciary Committee Hearings in San Diego on 10-14-58 and 10-15-58.

During said hearings, ROSENBERG, who was an uncooperative witness before the committee, refused to give to the committee a two-page document in his possession. The sub committee chairman then ordered the Committee's Sergeant-at-Arms to take the paper from ROSENBERG. ROSENBERG thereafter instituted a civil damage action against Assemblyman BRUCE ALLEN.

"The San Diego Union" dated 3-24-59 carries news item reporting that a motion to quash ROSENBERG's suit was taken under submission by Superior Court Judge CLARENCE HARDEN. Assemblyman ALLEN's attorney argued that ALLEN has legislative immunity from civil action in the course of his official duties, just as a Judge would have.

This news item further states "Two attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union intervened in the case as 'friends of the court' and appeared with WHELAN for ROSENBERG. They are A. L. WIRIN of Los Angeles, and LOUIS S. KATZ of San Diego."

Two copies of this airtel are being furnished the Los Angeles Office inasmuch as individuals named herein are of interest to said office.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY

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On March 18, 1959, PCI [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] and associates at Oceanside, California, were believed by him to be involved in some narcotics activities. b7C He could furnish no specific information, but thought that they were possibly obtaining narcotics in Tijuana, B. C., b7D Mexico, which they were "having pushed by others through bars controlled by them in Oceanside, California".

[REDACTED] was investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program.

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FRANK (BUSTER) WORTMAN
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FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARYJOHN PRIZIOLA
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San Diego "Evening Tribune" of 4/8/59 bears news item on front page headlined "\$20,000 Heroin Payoff Here Told". This article headlined Washington, D.C., states that U. S. Narcotics agent CHARLES SIRAGUSA told the U. S. Senate Rackets Committee "that San Diego was the meeting place in 1955 of one of the nation's leading dope runners (SALVATORE VITALE) and his supplier (JOHN PRIZIOLA). SIRAGUSA further described PRIZIOLA as "head of the largest Detroit narcotics mob". SIRAGUSA reportedly stated "PRIZIOLA paid \$20,000 for a heroin shipment to SALVATORE VITALE, an Italian narcotics merchant, when VITALE made an illegal visit to San Diego in 1955."

"VITALE had been deported to Italy as the result of a narcotics conviction."

"It was in 1955, SIRAGUSA testified, that VITALE 'disappeared from the face of the earth.'"

"PRIZIOLA took the Fifth Amendment when he was asked whether he had arranged for the murder of VITALE."

"SIRAGUSA said VITALE was trying to force payment of the \$60,000 balance on a 1951 heroin shipment."

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"SIRAGUSA testified that Priziola had accused VITALE of sending adulterated heroin and had refused to pay VITALE'S bill for \$80,000.

"The narcotics agent testified that the Detroit Mafia, a secret Sicilian society, held a trial in 1951 to decide if VITALE or PRIZIOLA was a 'dishonest crook'."

Witnesses before the Senate Committee, according to this news item testified that PRIZIOLA is a former business partner of WILLIAM BUFALINO, Teamsters official "who is now the right hand man of JAMES R. HOFFA, Teamsters' President".

PRIZIOLA is top hoodlum. Detroit. [redacted]
[redacted] (SD 92-19) and [redacted] aka
(SD 92-98) are [redacted] PRIZIOLA. Both
[redacted] were considered top San Diego hoodlums and b7C
investigated under said program.

SALVATORE VITALE. FBI #1209612, was married to [redacted] VITALE was deported to Italy for narcotics violations. He returned to San Diego illegally in 1955, was placed under U. S. Immigration bond and was permitted to make certain trips throughout the U.S. Investigation under the Top Hoodlum Program reflected that he reportedly sold \$80,000 worth of heroin in Detroit to PRIZIOLA but received payment of only \$20,000. He allegedly attempted to collect the balance from PRIZIOLA and disappeared during the first week of May, 1956. VITALE'S Immigration bond was put up by the [redacted] and confiscated by the U.S. Government at the time of his disappearance. One [redacted] is currently in Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, where he is operating a liquor store for [redacted] He will be permitted admission to the U.S. according to INS sources.

U S Narcotics Agent [redacted] has been identified as the [redacted] b7C
FRANK DE SIMONE, Top Hoodlum, Los Angeles, headed the west Coast Mafia. b7D

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SD 92-19JOSEPH J. LIMANDRI
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Reference is made to weekly summary dated 4/2/59, reflecting information that [redacted] was associated in opening of Bingo game in North Las Vegas, Nevada. On 4/8/59, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] was associated in this venture with LIMANDRI. He further stated that they reportedly were opening a restaurant and bar in Garnet, California, near Palm Springs. Being associated in this venture with [redacted] Business Agent for Local 535, Culinary Workers Union, Palm Springs.

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Both [redacted] and LIMANDRI were investigated as Top Ten Hoodlums. LIMANDRI is Business Agent, Culinary Workers Union, San Diego.

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[redacted] stated that he had been invited to attend the wedding of [redacted]

[redacted] Caliente Racetrack, Tijuana, B.C., Mexico. [redacted] Italian Vice Consul, San Diego. Informant will obtain photographs of individuals attending this wedding which reportedly will include influential Sicilians throughout Southern California.

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None

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INFORMATION CONCERNING
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San Diego "Union" dated 4/11/59 bears news item datelined Sacramento, 4/10/59, captioned "State Resists Mafia Invasion, Prober Finds".

This item reports: "Gov. Brown was told today that the Mafia has not gained a foothold in California, despite 'widely publicized assertions' to the contrary.

"ALVIN H. GOLDSTEIN, JR., former assistant district attorney in New York City, reported to BROWN on a study of activities of organized crime and labor racketeering in the state.

"He drew two major conclusions:

"1. 'The evidence does not support widely publicized assertions that a secret society known as the Mafia is active in the state of California.

"2. 'Racketeers have not acquired positions of leadership in the California labor movement and activity of persons with serious criminal records is not a significant factor in the present conduct of labor - management relations in this state.'

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"BROWN ordered the study while still attorney general. He imported GOLDSTEIN, who had prosecuted labor racketeers in New York.

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"GOLDSTEIN also briefly investigated use and treatment of Mexican farm labor in the state.

"It is apparent, however, that state and federal laws requiring minimum standards of employment and housing are inadequately enforced and that the insurance program provided by treaty is poorly administered," he said."

Relative to GOLDSTEIN above, reference is made to CRIMDEL airtels dated 4/4 and 6/2/58. Airtel dated 4/4/58 enclosed news item in which GOLDSTEIN was named as Crime Probe Chief by the candidate for Governor, BROWN. In this latter item, BROWN is quoted as stating, "I am not satisfied with the administration of criminal justice in California. He listed a Five Point Program of Investigation for GOLDSTEIN'S immediate attention including:

- "1. Are there any connections between California labor unions and racketeers in the East?
- "2. Has the eastern branch of the so-called Mafia taken root in California?
- "3. How does California figure in the nationwide narcotics traffic?
- "4. Should California criminal laws be revised to conform with those of New York State?
- "5. Do certain fraud cases in civil courts have criminal angles?

"BROWN said GOLDSTEIN has an intimate knowledge of racketeering activities and was instrumental in convicting JOHNNY DIO and other fringe labor union figures for extortion. 'This is really a crime prevention measure,' BROWN said."

This information was furnished the Bureau by Crimdel airtel dated 4/14/59, a copy thereof being designated for Bufile 100-42303.

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NATHAN ROSENBERG

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Reference Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary dated 10/17/58 relative to testimony of ROSENBERG before California State Assembly Judiciary Committee, Rackets Sub-Committee on 10/15/58.

San Diego "Union" dated 4/11/58, reports that the trial of ROSENBERG on the charge of contempt of the Assembly Rackets Sub-Committee was recessed in Municipal Court until 4/27/59, after selection of the jury.

An amended complaint filed by the Deputy City Prosecutor of San Diego accuses ROSENBERG of refusing to say to the Subcommittee on two occasions whether he called ARTIE SAMISH last year; whether he had liquor interests besides the King's Club; whether he owned or had any interest in the Navy Club; and whether he recognized the picture of or paid any hotel bills in San Diego for JOSEPH SICA.

SAMISH was recently released from Federal prison following sentence for an income tax violation. He was formerly powerful as a California Liquor lobbyist.

SICA is top hoodlum, Los Angeles Division.

ROSENBERG, a San Diego jeweler and bar owner, who was investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program, has a \$50,000 civil suit pending against the Subcommittee Chairman and the Committee Sergeant at Arms for assault in connection with their attempts to forcibly take from him papers on his person which he refused to give to the Subcommittee Chairman for examination during the hearing.

ANTONINO MIRABILE

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San Diego "Union" dated 4/14/59 datelined Los Angeles reports that the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on that date returned a two count indictment against four male suspects

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in the murder of MIRABILE. The four suspects are VICTOR BUONO [REDACTED], who allegedly masterminded the attempted robbery of MIRABILE which resulted in his death in San Diego on 12/27/58; ERNEST MURRAY, WILFRED W. ROBARGE, and JOHN HENRY THWAITES. All defendants are ex-convicts. The principal witness against the defendants was Mrs. JEANNE HORTON, cocktail waitress who accompanied ROBARGE in the robbery of MIRABILE. The murder charge against her has been dropped and she has been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, the assault with a knife of FILIPPO ACQUARO, nephew of MIRABILE, at the time of his murder. b2

San Diego County Grand Jury indictments against all five individuals were dismissed on motion of the San Diego County District Attorney on 4/10/59. According to news items appearing in San Diego papers, the dismissal of San Diego County indictments was requested in view of the removal for trial of THWAITES from San Diego to Los Angeles County, previously granted by San Diego Superior Judge JOHN A. HEWICKER due to the adverse publicity appearing in San Diego papers concerning the defendants. San Diego County District Attorney has argued that separate trials of the defendants would result in excessive expense to the County. Police sources have advised that it would also be more difficult to convict the defendants separately than it will be if they all appear in the same trial. San Diego County District Attorney DON KELLER stated "The basis of the Los Angeles indictment is that the conspiracy to rob MIRABILE occurred there although the crime took place in San Diego".

FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN;
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING
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WORTMAN and DOWLING are Top Hoodlums - National - Springfield Division. PCI [REDACTED] has advised that he [REDACTED] hoodlums in Illinois [REDACTED] tated

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furnished information concerning bookmaking activities of

These individuals, according to _____ have been in contact with WORTMAN in setting up the bookmaking operations in the Solana Beach-Del Mar, California, area. They have received financial assistance from WORTMAN. Information furnished by PCI has resulted in the arrest of these three individuals by San Diego Sheriff's Officers on bookmaking charges. All three are currently on bail. b7C b7D

According to _____ all three individuals have resumed their bookmaking operations on a wide scale. _____ furnished information concerning their contacts in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Nevada, New York City, Miami, Florida, and East St. Louis area, which information is being checked out for any indication of violation within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau. _____ has previously been arrested as a Bureau fugitive for White Slave Traffic Act violations. Both _____ have been convicted for violation of the Federal Narcotics Act. b7C b7D

_____ related that following his _____ proceeded to Los Angeles, California, where he _____ attempted to _____ offering to furnish _____ unlimited amounts. _____ commented that WORTMAN he could obtain \$200,000 at any time, including the present. b7C b7D

_____ related that to prevent his being further _____ WORTMAN he _____ and _____ for about the past four years has _____ who is in charge of the bookmaking operation. according to _____ was instructed by WORTMAN to _____ operation in the Del Mar area. _____ informed that it is his opinion that WORTMAN and DOWLING are attempting to "move into the San Diego area". b7C b7D

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WORTMAN or with WORTMAN'S employees including Las Vegas sources of WORTMAN. WORTMAN'S principal Las Vegas source was identified as [redacted] a Lucky Cab Company driver, who meets WORTMAN and any of his associates at the Las Vegas Airport, on all trips to Las Vegas, and keeps them informed on Las Vegas matters. [redacted] is a dice dealer for WORTMAN in East St. Louis.

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Additional contacts are being made with [redacted] and leads set out to round out this information. Said information is being furnished to interested offices by separate communication.

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[REDACTED] furnished to SA [REDACTED] a description of vehicle and individual driving same who is in contact with [REDACTED] in Tijuana, B.C., Mexico. Informant has been instructed to furnish information concerning these individuals. [REDACTED] was investigated as one of the San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums. [REDACTED] is the subject of 26-7860, an ITSMV case involving five stolen cars. [REDACTED] Governor BRAULIO MALDONADO, State of Baja California, Mexico. Both he and [REDACTED] handle narcotics and stolen cars.

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FROM SAC SAN DIEGO 282130

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, ~~San Diego~~ (92-62)
 SUBJECT: ~~TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM~~
 WEEKLY SUMMARY

ANTONINO MIRABILE, aka - AR
 SD 92-20

Reference is made to prior airtels concerning murder of MIRABILE, most important of San Diego Top Hoodlums, on night of 12-27-58, during robbery attempt, including weekly summary airtels of 3-5-59 and 4-16-59.

As reported, trial of five defendants has been transferred to Los Angeles County, where they have been indicted by Los Angeles County Grand Jury for the murder of MIRABILE.

On 4-22-59 [redacted] San Diego County District Attorney's Office, handling investigation of this matter for the District Attorney, who will prosecute case, advised that Mrs. JEANNE HORTON had furnished complete details concerning the attempted robbery and murder of MIRABILE to the Los Angeles County Grand Jury [redacted]

[redacted] whom she accompanied to MIRABILE's apartment in San Diego at the time of his shooting. [redacted] San Diego Police Department [redacted] ROBARGE's part in the slaying because [redacted] he knocked nephew of MIRABILE, FILIPPO ACQUARO, from her while ACQUARO was in the act of stabbing her with knife, with which she had attacked him. b7C

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 1 - Salt Lake City (Info.)
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Investigator [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ROBARGE and JOHN HENRY THWAITTS another ex-con to San Diego
[REDACTED] ROBARGE
and THWAITTS attempted to rob MIRABILE. According to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] reportedly involved in narcotics transactions with the
chinaman.

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[REDACTED] advised that San Diego Sicilian
friends of MIRABILE are stating that [REDACTED] was involved in large-
scale narcotics transactions just prior to his recent arrest.

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CI related that San Diego bars owned or controlled by
MIRABILE are being purchased by other Italian associates of his.
The Senator Bar [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CI. CI stated that a relative of MIRABILE,
a Sicilian from New York City recently arrived in San Diego, has
purchased the Barbet, another night club owned by MIRABILE.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING
SD 94-69

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that a big
percentage of the Sicilians now entering the United States proceed
from Italy to Venezuela, thence to Mexico, and into the United
States. This was the route taken by CI. There is a large Sicilian
group which controls numerous night clubs and gambling joints, in

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Caracas, Venezuela. He related that an Italian recently transferred by the State Department as Vice Consul, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, [redacted] according to rumors among the San Diego Sicilians, will assist Italians in entering the United States. CI has no information that said assistance will in any manner be illegal or that [redacted] is engaged in any illegal activity whatsoever. b7C
An Italian by that name was recently named Vice Consul in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico.

[redacted] - AR

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SD 92-99

[redacted]
where he is to work for WILLIAM GRAHAM. [redacted] did not indicate the type of employment for GRAHAM. [redacted]
[redacted] JAMES M. RAGAN and [redacted] MOE ANNENBURG and RAGAN in the operation of a race horse news service. Prior to 1950 [redacted] CONTINENTAL PRESS RACE WIRE SERVICE, controlling everything west of Kansas City. BROPHY testified in several congressional hearings concerning his association with ANNENBURG and RAGAN and the operation of the Race Wire Service. He stated ANNENBURG paid the highest Federal income tax ever assessed against any individual in the United States, seven million dollars, and died in Federal prison. RAGAN, BROPHY's father-in-law, was shot to death by rival gangsters in Chicago in August, 1946.

[redacted] BUGSY SIEGEL, mobster who was slain in Los Angeles, [redacted] was employed by RAGAN. SIEGEL offered [redacted] fabulous sum of money but [redacted]

[redacted] GRAHAM in **BABY** New York City "years ago". GRAHAM was associated with "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD in the early 1930s and during recent years has operated **RACENELSON**

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several plush night clubs and gambling casinos in Reno, Nevada.

 CI of the Salt Lake City Office. b7C
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One copy of this airtel is being furnished for the Bureau's Mafia file (Bufile 100-42303) in accordance with Bureau instructions.

One copy is being furnished Salt Lake City in view of information concerning WILLIAM GRAHAM, Reno, contained herein.

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - AR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NUMBER OF CASES OPENED DURING PAST
WEEK UNDER THIS PROGRAM

None

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES

None

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Date: 5-7-59

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

MURRAY B. MYERSON
Retired FBI Agent
GIIF - SAN DIEGO DIVISION
SD 94-27

"The San Diego Evening Tribune" dated 5-4-59 contains news item reporting "M. B. MYERSON, ex-FBI Agent who formerly operated The Fireside restaurant at Escondido, will run a 500-capacity restaurant at IRVIN KAHN's new Sands hotel on Kearny Mesa. Opening date target is Labor Day. KAHN's brother YALE hopes to open the million-dollar Midway Drive chuck wagon on July 8. Also in July comes the opening of the luxury restaurant managed by FRED HERSHORN at Shelter Island Inn."

MYERSON is a retired FBI Agent who was assigned at Los Angeles at the time of his retirement.

IRVING KAHN is a San Diego attorney who has had for clients some of the Top Hoodlums of San Diego and was named by Top Hoodlum FRANK BOMPENSIERO (SD 92-25) as "an excellent Jew attorney". KAHN is the son of ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN, who was investigated as one of San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums. IRVING KAHN has obtained control of large building projects and considerable valuable business property in San Diego during the past few years. He reportedly also has a financial interest in the Stardust Casino, Las Vegas. He is a heavy horse race gambler.

San Diego previously furnished the Bureau information concerning MYERSON's controversy with the Books and Waiters Union while he was managing the Fireside Restaurant at Escondido.

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JOSEPH ADAMO - AR
SD 92-122

Detective [] San Diego Police Department, advised that during the prior week Federal Bureau of Narcotics Agents were in San Diego "eyeballing" JOSEPH ADAMO, who operates several taverns in San Diego, including The Panama. According to Detective [] "The Italians made the Narcotics Agents" and contacted the San Diego Police Department concerning the suspicious activities of the Agents. The Agents thereupon advised the San Diego Police Department that they had received information (probably from the State Department) that ADAMO had applied for a passport to visit Mexico. The Narcotics Bureau was concerned that possibly ADAMO desired this passport to transport narcotics across the Mexican border. b7c

Detective [] stated that the San Diego Police Department has never received any information that ADAMO was engaged in any narcotics transactions and that he did not think that if ADAMO were so engaged that he would transport the narcotics himself and that he desired the passport merely to visit the Tijuana, B. C. area and Caliente Race Track. ADAMO is a citizen of Italy. b7c

ADAMO is named in Bureau of Narcotics list of "Suspected Mafia Adherents in the United States in 1950". He is a brother of GIROLAMO (MOMO) ADAMO, FBI Number 709564, who committed suicide in San Diego in June, 1956. The monograph "Mafia" Section 2, United States, July 1958 (58 J 153) issued by the Bureau states that "Early in 1954, it was learned that a west coast Mafioso named GIROLAMO ADAMO had been renting a room in a motel 30 miles east of Los Angeles since 1951. Here, ADAMO reportedly spent eight to ten days each month conferring with other Italian hoodlums from various parts of California and elsewhere. The exact number who visited ADAMO is not known, although 24 have been identified as visitors. Among the persons

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contacting ADAMO were members of the DIECIDUE family of Mafiosi from Tampa, Florida; Mafiosi FRANK BOMPENSIERO and JOSEPH DIPPOLITO, of California; and FRANK DESIMONE and SIMONE SCOZZARI, also of California. DESIMONE and SCOZZARI attended the 1957 Apalachin meeting. The matters discussed by ADAMO and his visitors are said to have included gang killings, illegal narcotics traffic, and other criminal operations."

GIROLOMO ADAMO committed suicide in San Diego in June, 1956, after shooting his wife, who survived. According to [redacted] who was interviewed by the Federal Narcotics Bureau, Rome, Italy, in 1957, FRANK DESIMONE, attendee at the Apalachin Conference, [redacted]

[redacted] ADAMO shot his wife and then himself over this [redacted] and that by Sicilian standards, ADAMO was "Cornuto" and in disgrace so he did the noble thing and committed suicide. b7c

JOSEPH ADAMO has FBI Number 1060177, was born November 21, 1902 in Alcoma, Sicily.

Information set forth above concerning ADAMO is being included in a Mafia report to the Bureau; therefore, no extra copy of this communication is being designated for the Bureau Mafia file.

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None

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DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES[REDACTED]
IMMIGRATION MATTER
SD 39-0

[REDACTED] Italian informant. San Diego
Office, advised SA [REDACTED]
of San Diego who now [REDACTED] has a Mexican girl
friend from Ensenada, B. C., Mexico, whom he is keeping in San
Diego. This girl is illegally in the United States, according
to CI. CI furnished her place of employment as [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] where she is working under the name [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This information has been furnished to INS Intelligence
Officer [REDACTED] Chula Vista, California.

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 FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)
 SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM.
 WEEKLY SUMMARY

FRANK BOMPENSIERO, aka - AR
 SD 92-25

"The San Diego Union" dated 4-25-59 reports that BOMPENSIERO will be released from San Quentin Prison on May 16, 1960, according to information furnished by the California Adult Authority. BOMPENSIERO, considered one of San Diego Top Hoodlums, was convicted in San Diego Superior Court in April, 1955, for conspiracy and bribery in a series of cases growing out of the WILLIAM G. BONELLI Liquor License scandal investigations. BOMPENSIERO will have served five years in prison and will be placed on five years parole. BONELLI, a former State Board of Equalization Commissioner, is currently in Mexico City fighting extradition to the United States to face felony charges in San Diego and Riverside Counties, in connection with his administration of liquor licenses.

Some San Diego sources have in the past advised that BOMPENSIERO was the local leader among San Diego Sicilians and that he will resume said leadership on his release.

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advised that the San Diego Italians exercise no control over

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bookmaking or any other illegal activity in San Diego, city or county. He stated that they have attempted to take over bookmaking to set up numbers racket and to control liquor licenses in the San Diego area without success. They have been curbed by the rigid law enforcement policies of the San Diego Police Department and the San Diego County Sheriff's Office.

PCI, [redacted] years, left San Diego during fall of 1957 when large-scale [redacted] were made as a result of an investigation by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. PCI [redacted] until about two months ago. He is now [redacted]

[redacted] PCI stated he [redacted] JIMMIE ALLEGRETTI, TOMMY NUMBERS, McDONALD, and [redacted] other former acquaintances while recently in Chicago. He stated [redacted] that from his observations, the Italians control gambling and organized prostitution in the Chicago area. This control extends to the Negro Section, where ALLEGRETTI and his associates employ negroes as runners. McDONALD is currently a "greeter" in the Stardust at Las Vegas and reportedly has a five per cent interest in said casino. PCI claimed [redacted] McDONALD in the numbers racket in Chicago. b7C b7D

San Diego indices reflect that PCI [redacted] in Los Angeles, following which his clients were taken over by them and he was "pushed out". [redacted] are Top Hoodlums, Los Angeles Division. Information relative to them has been furnished the Los Angeles Office. b7C b7D

One copy of this airtel is being furnished Chicago in view of information concerning ALLEGRETTI and one to Salt Lake City in view information concerning McDONALD. One copy is being furnished for Bureau File 100-42303 inasmuch as individuals named herein allegedly have Mafia connections.

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None

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DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES

- (1) [redacted] - BOOKMAKING - GIIF - SAN DIEGO DIVISION.
(SD 94-27).

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] concerning [redacted]
bookmaking activities in Del Mar, California. [redacted] b2
[redacted] allegedly formerly worked for [redacted] b7C
(SD 92-64). [redacted] is currently residing at the Namara Inn,
Del Mar. CI stated that among other bookmaking activities b7D
[redacted] recently took Hollywood actor VICTOR MATURE for \$20,000.
MATURE is also staying at this motel and was photographed by CI.

The above information was furnished to the San Diego County
Sheriff's Office.

Other information concerning bookmaking recently furnished by
this CI resulted in arrests on said charges by SDSO recently.

- (2) [redacted] aka - GIIF - SAN DIEGO DIVISION. b7C
(SD 94-27).

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] who is employed b2
as bartender in San Diego under the name [redacted] FBI b7C
Identification Division records reflect [redacted] is probably
identical with [redacted] He was sentenced in 1954 to five b7D

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years imprisonment Massachusetts State Penitentiary for armed robbery. [redacted] is employed as bartender by Italians investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program and is also in contact with [redacted] (SD 92-110), considered one of San Diego Top Hoodlums. b7C

Information concerning [redacted] was referred to the San Diego Police Department inasmuch as he has not apparently registered as an ex-convict, as required by San Diego Municipal Code.

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FROM : SAC, ~~SAN DIEGO~~ (92-62)
SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

GAMBLING - BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO - AR
SD 92-136

[redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted] and friend of San Diego liquor
distributor [redacted] was remodeling the El Rancho Motel,
Mexicali, B. C., Mexico, for casino-type gambling. Governor
BRAULIO MALDONADO, B. C., Mexico, reportedly is financially
interested in this motel, which also operates as a house of
prostitution.

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- (1) TOMMY McDONALD, aka Tommy "Numbers" McDonald - AR b7C
(92-158) 00 - Salt Lake City. Reference San Diego Top
Hoodlum Program Weekly Summary dated 4-30-59 concerning b7D
information furnished by PCI [redacted] concerning
McDONALD.

On the basis of this information Salt Lake City has opened
new 92 case with lead for San Diego.

- (2) [redacted] - PCI [redacted] was located
and interviewed on [redacted] on the basis of information b2
furnished by [redacted] had just returned to
San Diego from Chicago, where he had been in contact with b7C
Chicago Top Hoodlums. b7D

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- (1) [redacted] aka - GIIF - SAN DIEGO DIVISION
(SD 94-27). Reference Top Hoodlum Program Weekly Summary
4-30-59 under Accomplishments. [redacted] has since been b7C
arrested by the San Diego Police Department for failure to
register as an ex-convict under San Diego City Ordinance.
- (2) [redacted] - WSTA (SD 31-0). [redacted] advised b2
concerning [redacted] Java b7C
Club for a local San Diego hoodlum. [redacted] allegedly, b7D

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according to CI, had several prostitutes working for him out of San Diego hotels. CI furnished other background information relative to [redacted] which was referred to the San Diego Police Department Vice Squad. On the basis of this information, on 5-10-59, [redacted] was arrested by San Diego Police Department Vice Squad under pimping charge. No indication of WSTA violation.

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 SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

B-GIRL RAID - SAN DIEGO, 5-21-59
 GIIF - SAN DIEGO DIVISION
SD 94-27

"The San Diego Union" dated 5-22-59 bears headlines reporting the arrest of twenty-seven individuals in San Diego by San Diego Police Department Vice Squad officers and California State Department of Alcohol Beverage Control Agents on the night of 5-21-59. The persons arrested included twenty-four women and three men, on suspicion of violating the city ordinance against B-girl activities.

[redacted] San Diego Police Department Vice Squad, is reported by this news item as stating "The raids were the climax of under-cover investigation of B-girl activities in downtown bars." [redacted] said he had obtained forty-six complaints charging suspects with being B-girls or permitting B-girls to operate. "The term B-girl is used to describe a woman who works in a bar for the purpose of enticing patrons to buy drinks." The women arrested were charged with violating a city ordinance prohibiting employees of bars from drinking, dancing, or mingling with patrons. The offense is punishable by \$500.00 fine or six months in jail. The three men arrested were SALVATORE BOMPENSIERO, operator of "Kelly's" and "The Spot", taverns, FRANK MARINO, operator of the Corsair, and WILLIAM MISSLER, operator of the Carnival Room.

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BOMPENSIERO (SD 92-76) was investigated as one of San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums. BOMPENSIERO was identified as making payments on San Diego loan of FRANK DESIMONE (SD 92-14), National Top Hoodlum from Los Angeles, who attended Appalachian Conference.

MARINO (SD 92-85) was operating the Corsair for BOMPENSIERO. He was investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program and has been identified as participating in large-scale gambling.

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None

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SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

JOHN ALESSIO - AR
SD 92-99

Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, and San Diego newspapers of past several days have contained news items that ALESSIO, Track Executive Director of Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, will construct twenty-four schools in the Tijuana area in a \$840,000 six-year program.

ALESSIO and his brothers operate Caliente Race Track in Tijuana, but all reside in the San Diego area on the United States side of the border. In the past, reports have been received that the ALESSIOS are on very friendly terms with the President of Mexico and retain their control of Caliente Race Track through their association with ex-Mexican Presidents MIGUEL ALEMAN and General ABELARDO RODRIGUEZ, both of whom reside in the Tijuana area. ALESSIO, through the Caliente Race Track, makes frequent widely-publicized contributions to charity in the Tijuana area. [redacted] recently advised a San Diego Agent that the ALESSIOS are worried that eastern syndicates by bribing high Mexican government officials may obtain control of the Caliente Track. It is apparent that the ALESSIOS are interested in keeping Mexican officials and public opinion favorable to their continued administration of Caliente Race Track. b7C

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[redacted] has advised that [redacted] daughter of [redacted]

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[redacted] Some 900 guests have been invited to a champagne and dinner reception at the Hotel del Coronado across the bay from San Diego. The wedding is scheduled for June 27, 1959. [redacted]

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which it is anticipated will include Top Hoodlums from other areas, as well as from San Diego.

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[redacted] aka - AR b7C

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted]

[redacted] five associates are each investing \$2,000 to obtain an option to buy some desert real estate near Las Vegas, Nevada. [redacted] group did not plan to retain possession of this land, but obtained the option for the purpose of reselling the land at a profit. By the terms of the option they will lose their investment unless they can sell the land in about six months.

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According to CI, [redacted] has not invested in any type of gambling operations in Las Vegas, although he makes frequent trips there for recreation.

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[redacted] was investigated as one of San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums. He owns several taverns in downtown San Diego and is considered to be one of the leaders of the Sicilian element.

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - AR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NUMBER OF CASES OPENED DURING
PAST WEEK UNDER THIS PROGRAM

None

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
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None

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ^{FJP}~~San Diego~~ (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

Nothing to report.

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 FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)
 SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - AR
WEEKLY SUMMARY

JOSEPH J. LIMANDRI - AR
 SD 92-77

[redacted] advised that LIMANDRI [redacted]
 [redacted] make the statement to [redacted]
 (92-1177) and other Sicilians that "We need another year to
 dominate San Diego". It was CI's impression that LIMANDRI was b2
 referring to the Sicilian tavern owners obtaining sufficient
 power to prevent raids such as were recently held by the State b7C
 of California in arresting several San Diego tavern owners and
 B girls operating in said taverns. b7D

The Alcohol Beverage Control Unit, State of Calif-
 ornia, during past month, conducted undercover investigations in
 San Diego taverns concerning the activities of B girls. Under
 a state law, employees of taverns are prohibited from drinking
 with, dancing with, or mingling with customers as a trade
 stimulant. These state agents obtained 45 warrants for the b7C
 arrest of B girls in San Diego and three tavern owners, one of
 whom was [redacted] one of San Diego Top Hoodlums.
 State agents, according to some San Diego sources, conducted this
 investigation without advising San Diego Police Department.

CI related that the Sicilian tavern owners are con-
 cerned that these investigations and arrests took place when
 they thought that the San Diego Police Department was sufficient-
 ly favorable to them to prevent the arrests. These tavern owners,

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including [redacted] stated that it cost each bar about \$100.00 per month in free liquor and other items dispensed to San Diego Police Department officers.

LIMANDRI is considered one of San Diego Top Hoodlums. He is Business Agent, Cooks and Waiters Union, and has indicated that he is attempting to forge ahead to leadership among the Sicilian element.

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None.

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None.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)
 SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
 WEEKLY SUMMARY

[REDACTED] - AR
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[REDACTED] the Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, [REDACTED] will visit Italy during July, 1959. Background information concerning [REDACTED] was obtained under the Top Hoodlum Program. No information indicating violation of Federal law was obtained.

[REDACTED] maintains contact with the most important bookmakers in southern California and Nevada and apparently handles most of his business through Caliente. There is no indication that [REDACTED] forthcoming trip abroad should be covered or that any stops are necessary.

TOMMY "NUMBERS" McDONALD - AR
 SD 92-158

[REDACTED] PCI [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Chicago Avenue District, Chicago, about four blocks from the Singapore Night Club which was operated by McDONALD [REDACTED] prior to 1944. PCI stated that the Singapore was a hangout for both big and small-time hoodlums and politicians in Chicago. McDONALD, however, was not considered to be an important figure. McDONALD is currently a greeter in the Stardust Casino, Las Vegas, and according to PCI apparently has a financial interest in said casino. Although McDONALD is well acquainted with the midwest

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and Nevada hoodlums, PCI has no information that he is associated with them in any legal or illegal enterprise.

The above information has been furnished to Salt Lake City and Chicago.

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None.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted] the Gay Paree Bar in downtown San
Diego, was carrying a small pistol concealed inside his trousers
at all times. [redacted] ANTONINO
MIRABILE, considered most important of San Diego Ton Ten
Hoodlums, who was killed in robbery on 12-27-59. [redacted]
[redacted] GIROLOMO (MOMO) ADAMO, considered one of the leaders of the
Sicilians and named by the Bureau of Narcotics as a Mafia
leader, which information has previously been furnished to the
Bureau. [redacted] arrest record for narcotics violation and
according to CI is a bookmaker and pimp. This information has
been furnished to San Diego Police Department Robbery Detail.

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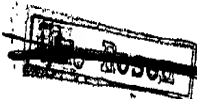
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 SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
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ANTONINO MIRABILE, aka - AR
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JOSEPH ADAMO, aka - AR
 SD 92-122

[redacted] advised that [redacted]
 [redacted] Senator Bar, downtown San Diego, [redacted]
 World War II, while ADAMO was working for MIRABILE, ADAMO [redacted]
 [redacted] which MIRABILE had furnished him for the purpose
 of purchasing bootleg liquor. ADAMO proceeded to Chicago
 following which MIRABILE sought him out through friends and
 threatened to have him killed. ADAMO during this time married
 in Chicago and subsequently returned to San Diego with his
 wife. MIRABILE settled the debt [redacted]
 [redacted] MIRABILE subsequently staked ADAMO into the
 Panama Bar in San Diego.

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MIRABILE was considered most important of San Diego
 Top Hoodlums. He was shot to death on 12-27-58 during a robbery
 attempt in his apartment.

ADAMO is brother of GIROLOMO (MOMO) ADAMO, considered
 one of top Sicilian leaders on West Coast, who committed suicide
 in 1956 in San Diego.

CI further related that [redacted]
 [redacted] close associates of MIRABILE, who were born in same
 town in Sicily as MIRABILE and who MIRABILE took care of

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financially, have made statements to other Sicilian associates that if the killers of MIRABILE are not convicted or if they receive light sentences, they will "vindicate" his murder. They have allegedly commented that since his death they have been forced to work for a living; they are single and have little to lose.

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None

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Information set forth in this airtel concerning statement by [redacted] that they will "vindicate" the murder of MIRABILE, has been furnished to [redacted] San Diego Police Department, without disclosing the source. Five individuals have been arrested and are currently awaiting trial in connection with the attempted robbery and killing of MIRABILE.

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 SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
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FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO
SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

ANTONINO MIRABILE - AR
SD 92-20

"San Diego Union" dated 7-23-59 reported that on 7-22-59 imprisonment which could run from six years to life was ordered by Superior Court Judge JOHN A. HEWICKER for JEANNE HORTON, the prosecution's key witness in the MIRABILE murder case.

MIRABILE was shot December 27, 1958, in his apartment at 536 Maple Street, San Diego, California.

Mrs. HORTON, who originally was charged with murder and conspiracy to rob MIRABILE, appeared before HEWICKER to plead guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and to ask through her attorney, FRANCIS E. GALLAGHER (former Special Agent, FBI) for immediate sentence.

GALLAGHER asked HEWICKER to grant Mrs. HORTON a jail term and probation on the ground she had risked her life by turning state's evidence.

GALLAGHER told HEWICKER that GRACE THWAITS, sister of one of the defendants, JOHN HENRY (Pappy) THWAITS, entered the Corona Institution for Women as a prisoner last week. Her sentence was a result of a bad check charge.

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"What a reception committee JEANNE HORTON will get at Corona", GALLAGHER said.

"The day JEANNE HORTON said she would testify she sentenced herself to a life of fear. I wonder if any man in the sound of my voice would have her courage?"

GALLAGHER reminded HEWICKER that the Judge had said earlier that if Mrs. HORTON does not testify the four defendants charged with MIRABILE's murder will walk out free. He said the underworld takes revenge on criminals who cooperate with police.

In denying GALLAGHER's request, Judge HEWICKER said, "I realize the underworld has a code which it enforces at every opportunity. The law abiding people of this state also have a code which I am sworn to enforce. I have faith that the officials at Corona will be able to take care of this situation."

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FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

ANTONINO MIRABILE, aka - AR
SD 92-20

San Diego papers carry items concerning the trial of four defendants who are charged with the slaying of MIRABILE on December 27, 1958 in San Diego. MIRABILE was considered most important of San Diego Top Hoodlums. The trial is now in its twelfth day and is being held in Los Angeles County. "San Diego Union" dated 8-13-59 quotes Mrs. JEANNE HORTON, who was employed by the four male defendants to obtain access to MIRABILE's apartment, as stating that she obtained access thereto by telephoning MIRABILE. "I told him I was a friend of WILBUR CLARK's from Las Vegas and was only going to be in town for a few hours. I told him I had a little surprise for him and could I come up. He said he would let me in. This was about midnight." She also testified that she and WILFRED ROBARGE had painted their finger tips with clear finger nail polish to cover fingerprints.

Mrs. HORTON carried a knife under her coat which she used to attack FILIPPO ACQUARO, a nephew of MIRABILE in MIRABILE's apartment during the robbery attempt. MIRABILE resisted the robbery and was shot and killed by ROBARGE.

In testimony in this case ACQUARO identified Mrs. HORTON as his assailant but failed to identify ROBARGE, stating that he did not obtain a clear view of him. San Diego Italian hoodlum associates of MIRABILE, according to [redacted] have stated that they are certain that ACQUARO is "holding back". [redacted]

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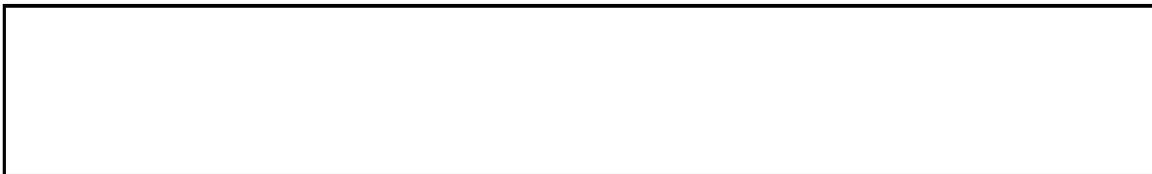
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None

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Information set forth above under caption "ANTONINO MIRABILE"
relating to statements of FILIPPO ACQUARO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was furnished to the office of the San Diego County District Attorney, DON KELLER. Acting Investigator in Charge CHARLES WOODS (NA) advised SA [REDACTED] that he telephoned this information immediately to District Attorney KELLER, who is prosecuting the four men charged with the murder and robbery of MIRABILE. WOODS stated that KELLER related that it was his impression that ACQUARO was holding back information and that on the basis of information furnished he was considering subsequent investigation to develop this matter further.

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[REDACTED] furnished information that [REDACTED] a San Diego Italian associate of San Diego Top Hoodlums, was engaged in large scale narcotics transactions from Mexico. CI identified an Italian associate of [REDACTED] and who served time in Mexico for narcotics violations. CI furnished other pertinent information relative to this matter.

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The above has been furnished to U. S. Customs and State and Federal Narcotics Agencies.

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FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

SALVATORE BOMPENSIERO, aka - AR
SD 92-76

FRANCISCO ERNESTO MATRANGA, aka - AR
SD 92-98

LEO ANTHONY AGOSTA, aka - AR
SD 92-114

"The San Diego Union" dated August 13 and 14, 1959, carries news items reporting the closing of fourteen downtown San Diego taverns. Liquor licenses of these taverns were picked up by State Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) officers to enforce a thirty-day suspension for violation of a state law forbidding B-girls from operating in said taverns. This law forbids female tavern employees from associating with or drinking with customers. The operators of said taverns were allegedly using such girls as trade stimulators.

THOMAS MARTIN, Director of ABC, Sacramento, California, is quoted as stating that this was the largest simultaneous suspension of liquor licenses in state history. The news item stated MARTIN estimated that the suspensions were the equivalent of a \$2,000 to \$5,000 court fine. They'll lose that much in business during the suspensions. ARTHUR BROWN, San Diego District Supervisor of ABC, said all cocktail waitresses arrested in the raids have pleaded guilty to B-girl charges and if the tavern owners again permit B-girl operation the licenses will be revoked.

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Among the businesses closed were taverns operated by BOMPENSIERO, MATRANGA, and AGOSTA, all of whom were investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program. The other taverns were all operated by Italian associates of these individuals.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the tavern owners involved were suffering financially. He stated that BOMPENSIERO has sold "The Spot", one of the taverns closed, and is arranging to obtain the liquor concession at Fed-Co, a discount store handling all types of merchandise, recently opened in San Diego. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] further informed that MATRANGA has sold The Sahara Night Club, also closed by ABC, to an Italian from the East.

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None.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] was
operating a still at [redacted]
[redacted] was developed under the Top Hoodlum
Program. This information was furnished [redacted]
Acting in Charge, San Diego Police Department Vice Squad.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/21/59

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-15)

SUBJECT: *Top Hoodlum Program*
ORGANIZED CRIME AND RACKETEERINGRe SAC Letter No. 59-41⁶²⁻⁹ dated 6/30/59.

A review of files in the San Diego Office reflects that there have been no substantive cases involving notorious hoodlums during the past three years and there are no cases pending which involve notorious hoodlums.

The San Diego Office is aware of the Bureau's responsibilities in the organized crime field and although it has no suggestions at the present time that would involve a new approach in combatting organized crime, it will continue to be on the alert for new measures and will keep the Bureau advised.

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On 8-24-59 [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, San Diego Police Department, advised [REDACTED] was negotiating to lease a valuable piece of Mission Bay property in San Diego for a group of unidentified investors. [REDACTED] allegedly planned to construct a large motel-restaurant-bar operation.

The Mission Bay area of San Diego is currently being dredged and will be developed into a recreation area. Wealthy investors are bidding for leases of these tide lands.

[REDACTED], who poses as a real estate consultant, has been purchasing a large amount of very expensive property in the Oceanside, California area, about thirty miles north of San Diego. He allegedly has access to unlimited sums and is rumored to be backed financially by several top hoodlums, including WILBUR CLARK, Salt Lake City, [REDACTED] Chicago, and others.

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None.

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES[redacted] aka - AR
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Information was previously furnished to Chief of Police, Oceanside, California, concerning identity of [redacted] and allegations received that he was in contact with certain big-time hoodlums.

On 8-24-50 FBI Number and other identifying items relative to [redacted] were furnished to [redacted] San Diego Police Department, who stated that Chief of Police A. E. JANSEN had ordered him to conduct investigation into [redacted] background. In accordance with Bureau policy, no information was disclosed which would jeopardize Bureau interests, identify any Bureau confidential sources, or indicate that the Bureau had conducted any investigations under the Top Hoodlum Program, as such.

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[redacted] advised that he had observed

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[redacted] in the company of [redacted] (SD 92-110).
[redacted] was investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program and is
reportedly engaged in narcotics and other illegal activities.
[redacted] had previously identified [redacted] as an ex-con
from Massachusetts, who was employed in San Diego as a bartender by several San Diego Top Sicilian Hoodlums under
the name [redacted] b7C

On 8-20-59, [redacted] Vice
Squad, San Diego Police Department, advised concerning the
arrest of five San Diego residents, including [redacted] and
the seizure of \$600.00 worth of marijuana. The arrests,
according to [redacted] broke up a large-scale marijuana
peddling ring. Information furnished re [redacted] was of
assistance to the San Diego Police Department in this matter.

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ACTIVITIES OF TOP HOODLUMS IN THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION TOP HOODLUMS PROGRAM			CHARACTER OF CASE: ANTI-RACKETEERING	

SUMMARY REPORT

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/13/58 at San Diego
SAC let 59-48 dated 8/4/59 under caption TOP HOODLUM
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The following listed informants and other sources were
contacted by SA [REDACTED] San Diego, on the dates shown in the
details of this report except as noted. **b7C**

Careful consideration has been given to the use of
[REDACTED] in this report. [REDACTED] were used only when
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Referenced report of SA [redacted] dated 11/13/58 contains background information on all individuals investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program in which San Diego was origin. Information set forth therein is not being repeated in this report in the interest of economy. b7C

The San Diego office currently has no pending Top Hoodlum investigations in which San Diego is origin. The activities of all individuals investigated under this program are being closely followed through criminal informants and other sources in order to be alert for information indicating that their cases should be reopened and additional investigation instituted.

One copy of this report is being designated to Bureau file 100-42303, attention Central Research Section, per Bureau instructions, inasmuch as it contains information concerning the Mafia.

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ACTIVITIES OF TOP HOODLUMS IN
THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION

Character:

ANTIRACKETEERING

Synopsis:

ANTONINO MIRABILE was shot to death in San Diego, California, on 12/27/58 when he resisted armed robbery. His assailants are currently on trial in State Court. Gambling casino at Rosarito Beach, B. C., Mexico, has remained closed since raid by Mexican Federal authorities in January, 1959. Some bars operated by San Diego hoodlums have recently been closed temporarily due to B-girl operations. No individuals or groups in the San Diego area have been positively identified as members of or associated with the Mafia; a summary of information developed concerning Mafia allegations is set forth.

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PART I

ACTIVITIES OF TOP HOODLUMS
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I. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

A. CRIMINAL CONTROL OF UNIONS

No additional information has been received under this category since submission of prior summary report.

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B. GAMBLING

1. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] of Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, B. C. Mexico, which he operates with several of [REDACTED] (SD 92-99). All [REDACTED] reside in San Diego. They are associates of local hoodlums and of some top hoodlums, including WILBUR IVERN CLARK, Salt Lake City. Numerous reports have been received that the [REDACTED] are on very friendly terms with the president of Mexico and retain their control of Caliente Race Track only through their payoffs to the president; ex-Mexican Presidents MIGUEL ALEMAN and GENERAL ABELARDO RODRIGUEZ, both of whom reside in the Tijuana area; and other high Mexican Federal and State officials. b7C

[REDACTED] makes frequent widely publicized contributions to charity in the Tijuana area. During latter May, 1959, Tijuana and San Diego newspapers publicized news items that [REDACTED] will construct 24 schools in the Tijuana area over a period of six years at a cost of \$840,000.00.

[REDACTED] recently advised that the [REDACTED] are worried that eastern syndicates, by bribing high Mexican government officials may obtain control of the Caliente Track. b7C

[REDACTED] is frequently observed in the company of well-known bookmakers and gamblers from the Southwest and is reported by some sources to be "the biggest bookmaker in California". During August, 1959, [REDACTED] who is a decorated veteran of World War II, visited relatives in Italy. b7C

2. [REDACTED] aka. b7C
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FRANK B. MARINO, aka.
AR (SD 92-85)

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[redacted] FRANK BOMPENSIERO
(SD 92-25), both of whom were investigated as top ten
hoodlums in the San Diego Division.

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On November 17, 1958, Internal Revenue Service
[redacted] San Diego, advised that [redacted]
and MARINO "masterminded a deal" in which a [redacted]
using the name [redacted] is attempting to evade
payment of Federal Income Tax on \$80,000.00 which he won
at the Caliente Race Track in the 5-10 pool in February,
1958. [redacted] United States Navy
enlisted man, [redacted] MARINO are believed to have
arranged through race track employees to win the 5-10 pool
on a Sunday when no one else had picked all six winners
in the six horse races which comprise the pool. [redacted]
[redacted] Internal Revenue Service Agents that [redacted]
at Caliente by an individual whose identity was not known
to him who gave [redacted] 5-10 ticket which contained all
the winners. This unidentified individual promised
[redacted] \$5,000.00 in return for cashing in the ticket which
stated he did and thereafter crossed the Mexican
border into the United States where [redacted]
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for information on investing this \$5,000.00 and [redacted]
recommended the San Diego Music Company. Investigation
by Internal Revenue Service revealed that [redacted]
purchase \$4,900.00 worth of San Diego Music Company stock
and in return for [redacted] arranging for [redacted] to
purchase this stock. The president of the San Diego Music
Company paid [redacted] \$2,000.00 in cash which [redacted]
admitted receiving. This music company has juke box
concessions in San Diego bars.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] b2
[redacted] concerning large-stake poker games in San Diego,
identifying some of the players as [redacted] MARINO, b7C
[redacted] and other Sicilian tavern owners. b7D

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On August 26, 1959, [redacted] Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau, Del Mar, California, advised that [redacted] has requested authority to enter race horses on California tracks. b7C

[redacted] was investigated as one of the top ten San Diego hoodlums. b7C

Considerable information concerning bookmaking has recently been furnished by [redacted] to SA [redacted] concerning bookmaking and gambling activities in the Del Mar-Oceanside-Rancho Santa Fe area of San Diego County. b2 b7C This information includes reports that [redacted] has bank-rolled some of these bookmakers. The information furnished on referral to the San Diego County Sheriff's Office resulted in the arrest of three of these bookmakers who are currently awaiting trial on felony bookmaking charges. b7D

4. Italian-American Club

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that a private residence at [redacted] owned by the Italian-American Club was the scene of frequent high-stake poker games participated in by San Diego Sicilian bar owners. These included some individuals investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program and their associates. [redacted] b2 b7C b7D [redacted] aka (SD 92-19) to this club on several occasions. [redacted] according to [redacted] and other San Diego sources, is one of the leaders of the San Diego Sicilian group.

5. Rosarito Beach, B. C., Mexico

Information concerning the gambling casino at Rosarito Beach and the principal individuals involved, including some top hoodlums, has been set out in detail in prior reports.

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[REDACTED] The treatment of the American gamblers arrested drew wide-spread publicity, including protests to the United States State Department by United States Representatives in Congress from California.

On March 4, 1959, Immigration and Naturalization Service Investigator [REDACTED] San Ysidro, advised that

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Baja California businessmen made numerous complaints to the Mexican government concerning the manner in which the raid was conducted and have since alleged that the action by Mexican Federal Police has hurt the tourist business in Baja California.

Since the above-described raid no information has been received indicating reopening of any casino-type gambling in Baja California.

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C. LIQUOR LICENSE VIOLATIONS

On May 21, 1959, Agents of the California State Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, assisted by San Diego Police Department Vice Squad officers, arrested 27 individuals in San Diego for violation of an ordinance forbidding B-girl activities. The term B-girl is used to describe a woman who works in a bar for the purpose of enticing patrons to buy drinks. Fortysix complaints have been filed charging suspects with being B-girls or permitting B-girls to operate. Among the tavern owners arrested were [redacted] (SD 92-76) and FRANK MARINO (SD 92-85). b7C

As a result of these arrests, 14 downtown San Diego taverns were closed during August, 1959, following a 30-day suspension order and the temporary revoking of liquor licenses of those establishments charged with permitting B-girl operations. Among the businesses closed were taverns operated by [redacted] (SD 92-76), [redacted] aka (SD 92-98), and [redacted] (SD 92-114), all of whom were investigated under the top Hoodlum Program. b7C

The Director of Alcohol Beverage Control for California is quoted in the "San Diego Union" dated August 13 and August 14, 1959, as stating that this was the largest simultaneous suspension of liquor licenses in California history. The Director estimated that the suspensions were the equivalent of a \$2,000.00 to \$5,000.00 court fine inasmuch as the establishments would lose that much in business during the suspensions.

[redacted] San Diego Police Department, has advised that all cocktail waitresses in the raids have pleaded guilty to the B-girl charges and if the tavern owners again permit B-girl operations their licenses will be permanently revoked. b7C

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the tavern owners involved were suffering financially and that [redacted] were attempting to sell

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their downtown San Diego bars. [redacted] is reportedly arranging to obtain the liquor concession at Fed-Co, a discount store handling all types of merchandise recently opened in San Diego. [redacted] has sold the Sahara Night Club, one of the taverns closed, to an Italian from the east.

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D. NARCOTICS

1. JOSEPH ADAMO
AR (SD 92-122)

ADAMO is named in the Bureau of Narcotics list of "suspected Mafia adherents in the United States in 1950". He is a brother of GIROLOMO (MOMO) ADAMO, FBI Number 709564, who committed suicide in San Diego in June, 1956. The monograph "Mafia", Section 2, United States, July, 1958 (58J153) issued by the Bureau, refers to GIROLOMO ADAMO as one of the Mafia leaders on the west coast.

GIROLOMO ADAMO committed suicide in San Diego in June, 1956, after shooting his wife who survived. According to [redacted] who was interviewed by the Federal Narcotics Bureau at Rome, Italy, in 1957, FRANK DESIMONE, attendee at the Apalachin Conference and a national top hoodlum, had been [redacted] This source stated that ADAMO shot his wife and then himself [redacted] inasmuch as by Sicilian standards ADAMO was "Cornuto" meaning he was in disgrace so he did the noble thing and committed suicide. b7C

On May 6, 1959, [redacted] San Diego Police Department, advised that during the prior week Federal Bureau of Narcotics Agents were in San Diego "eyeballing" JOSEPH ADAMO, who operates several taverns in San Diego, including The Panama. According to [redacted] [redacted] "The Italians made the Narcotics Agents" and contacted the San Diego Police Department concerning the suspicious activities of the Agents. The Agents thereupon advised the San Diego Police Department that they had received information (probably from the State Department) that ADAMO had applied for a passport to visit Mexico. The Narcotics Bureau was concerned that possibly ADAMO desired this passport to transport narcotics across the Mexican border. b7C

[redacted] stated that the San Diego Police Department has never received any information that ADAMO was engaged in any narcotics transactions and that he did not think that if ADAMO were so engaged that he would transport the narcotics himself and that he desired the b7C

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passport merely to visit the Tijuana, B. C., area and Caliente Race Track. ADAMO is a citizen of Italy.

2. [redacted] (SD 92-110)

[redacted] who was investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program, is reported by San Diego sources to be engaged in narcotics and other illegal activities. He was observed on [redacted] in the company of [redacted] aka., a convicted armed robber from Massachusetts, who has been recently employed as a bartender in San Diego taverns by several San Diego top Sicilian hoodlums under the name [redacted]. Based on information furnished by [redacted] and other sources, [redacted] was arrested with five other San Diego males on August 20, 1959, in possession of marijuana. He was alleged to be a member of a large-scale marijuana ring. [redacted]

[redacted] has advised that [redacted] has been released [redacted]

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E. MAFIA

1. Background

No individuals or groups in the San Diego Division have been positively identified by documents or other material of evidentiary value as having been members of or associated with the Mafia. Prior surveys and correspondence have reported information received from various sources, including local law enforcement officers, who used the term Mafia loosely in referring to local Sicilians and groups without further verification. Such information, as well as testimony before State and Federal Government committees, has generally been concerning alleged Mafia activities occurring in the San Diego area more than five years ago. Information received on a current and continuing basis has indicated a decline in such activity.

Information concerning the origin and identities of individuals and groups alleged to have Mafia relationship is set forth under subsequent headings. No information has been received that any of the Sicilians in the San Diego Division have been or are members of the original Mafia groups or have contacts with said groups.

2. Organizational Setup and Leadership

As noted above, the term Mafia has been used loosely in referring to individuals and groups within the San Diego Division. The groups mentioned in the San Diego Division are the "Tony Mirabile - Frank Bompensiero Gang" and the Italian-American Civic Association. No information has been received that either of these groups, as such, is now engaged in any illegal activity. Relative to the first group mentioned, MIRABILE was shot to death December 27, 1958, during an alleged robbery and BOMPENSIERO has been incarcerated in California State Penitentiary since May, 1955.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the San Diego Italians exercise no control over book-making or any other illegal activity in the San Diego area,

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city or county. He stated that several years ago they attempted to take over bookmaking, to set up a numbers racket, and to control liquor licenses in the San Diego area, without success. He declared that they have been curbed by the rigid law enforcement policies of the San Diego Police Department and the San Diego County Sheriff's Office.

[redacted] advised that a large percentage of the Sicilians now entering the United States proceed from Italy to Venezuela, thence to Mexico, and into the United States, which was the route taken by [redacted]

[redacted] He added that there is a large Sicilian colony in Caracas, Venezuela, which controls numerous night clubs and gambling places. He stated that he had no current information that any of these individuals have recently entered the United States illegally. Some obtained admission by marrying United States citizen females in Mexico, following which they are eligible for admission to the United States by reason of said marriage. This procedure was recently used by [redacted]

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[redacted] ANTONINO MIRABILE. MIRABILE was shot to death in his San Diego apartment on December 27, 1958, during a robbery attempt. [redacted] stated he has received no information concerning any current Mafia activity in the San Diego area.

3. Italian-American Civic Association

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that members of the Association informed him that said organization was instituted several years ago by ANTONINO MIRABILE and [redacted] specifically to exert influence on politicians in a position to assist San Diego Italian tavern owners and other businesses controlled by them. The Year Book states "Our Association is formed for the purpose of bringing all persons of Italian descent together in order to encourage active participation in the civic and public affairs of our local government and to participate in and sponsor social functions."

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[redacted]
of the Italian-American Civic Association at which installation
of officers was held at the Morocco Night Club in San Diego.

[redacted] advised that the following individuals were
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[redacted] related that JOSEPH LIMANDRI (SD 92-77)
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[redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] San Diego Fisherman's Association,
401 Harbor Lane, San Diego, who resides at [redacted]

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[redacted]
the Mafia. [redacted] did not further disclose what he meant
by the Mafia or how he arrived at this conclusion.

According to [redacted] commented that the
Italian-American Civic Association was organized by [redacted]
[redacted] ANTONINO MIRABILE.

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organization, but left it due to the character of some of the Sicilian members involved. He related that other Italian members also left the organization for the same reason, these included [redacted]

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4. Means of Communication Between San Diego Sicilians

The principal Italians of Sicilian extraction who are alleged to be the leaders of said faction in San Diego operate taverns or are associated therewith in some connection such as supplying liquor, coin-operated music devices, and Italian food.

Investigation of ANTONINO MIRABILE under the Top Hoodlum Program disclosed that he made contacts with these individuals as well as with other San Diego businessmen not of Italian extraction on a park bench across Sixth Avenue from the Palomar Hotel. This hotel, located at 536 Maple Street, was owned by MIRABILE. [redacted] advised that MIRABILE made contacts there because "he knew he couldn't be bugged there", meaning that MIRABILE thought that there was no way in which his conversations could be overheard by any investigating officers there.

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[redacted] informed that [redacted] was a messenger for the Italian tavern owners in the Los Angeles-San Diego area. [redacted] several days each week, delivered Italian foods to San Diego bars from the Los Angeles area.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] is apparently harmless, but is reportedly a messenger for the "Sicilian mob" in Southern California.

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On October 23, 1958, [redacted] Intelligence Unit, San Diego Police Department, made available a copy of a letter from [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Los Angeles Police Department, for examination by SA [redacted]. This letter, in part, states "Our files indicate that the above subject [redacted]"

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sells cheese, olive oil, and other Italian imported foods to pizza houses and restaurants. Subject makes weekly trips to San Diego, hitting all the towns going south as well as weekly trips north as far as Santa Barbara. Above subject is in himself a harmless old man, but he knows all the Dago element, and if they were to ask him to do a favor for them (make a delivery or deliver a message), he would. He, himself, has very little of earthly possessions. His daughter was married October 19, 1957, and subject invited many of his own friends, namely: NICK LICATA, [REDACTED] b7C
JOE MESSINA, [REDACTED]
all of whom are in Intelligence Division files.

"When LEO THE LIP MOCERI was arrested by this Department four years ago and returned to Toledo for trial, [REDACTED] telephone number was found on MOCERI's person. MOCERI, you will recall, was the trigger man for the LICAVOLI Mob in the mid-thirties, and was wanted for 17 years prior to his arrest, for some 12 murders in the Michigan-Ohio area. His partner in these murders was LEO LICAVOLI, who was apprehended many years ago and is still serving time."

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] TONY BUSTERNA and JASPER MATRANGA of Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, would hide out or assist any Italians seeking assistance in Mexico or fleeing from the United States. [REDACTED] Sahara Night Club in San Diego, [REDACTED] who was investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program. BUSTERNA is owner and operator of the Palermo Cafe, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. He was deported to Italy from San Francisco for violation of the Federal Narcotics Act and bribery of a Federal officer. MATRANGA, according to [REDACTED] was reportedly a large-scale bookmaker and gambler from the San Bernardino, California, area who was deported to Italy about 1954. He is currently operating the Romo Cheese Factory in Tijuana. Both BUSTERNA and MATRANGA are described further in this report. b2 b7C b7D

San Diego office indices reflect that BUSTERNA was born May 3, 1906, Melfi, Sicily, Italy. [REDACTED] San Francisco, California, hoodlum considered by San Francisco authorities to be one of the principal bookmakers and gamblers in that area.

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JASPER MATRANGA, aka JASPERE, was born May 28, 1898 in Prana Dei Greci Palermo, Sicily, FBI Number 4508829.

On March 24, 1959, Immigration and Naturalization [redacted] advised that both MATRANGA and BUSIENNA were being granted permits to enter the United States by Immigration and Naturalization Service. Relative to MATRANGA, [redacted] "links to Mafia leadership [redacted] who used to live in Southern California, but was deported to Mexico several years ago".

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5. Membership

Prior surveys based on information received from San Diego sources have named all business associates and contacts of ANTONINO MIRABILE and [redacted] as being members of or associated with a Mafia gang without any verification. In some instances these individuals have not been further identified by the sources and in some instances under the Top Hoodlum Program, the names furnished were found to be incorrectly spelled. Most of the individuals of Italian descent in San Diego in any way associated with the operation of or employment in bars and night clubs were identified by these San Diego sources as having Mafia connections without further justification. Extensive investigation under the Top Hoodlum Program did not disclose any individuals or groups in San Diego as being associated with the Mafia.

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Since the incarceration of BOMPENSIERO in California State Penitentiary and the death of MIRABILE, San Diego sources, including [redacted] have named [redacted] aka (SD 92-18), [redacted] (SD 92-76), [redacted] (SD 92-98), and JOSEPH LIMANDRI (SD 92-77) as most likely to succeed to the leadership of the local Italians. All were investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program and extensive background information concerning them is set forth in prior summaries.

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6. Distinguishing Characteristics of Mafia Groups

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he was certain that a local Mafia organization as such did not exist in San Diego. He stated, however, "All Sicilians are Mafioso by birth." He explained that this means if they engage in illegal activities they are subject to control of the Mafia.

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[redacted] stated that it is his opinion that the name Mafia is a term used rather loosely to describe Sicilian groups controlling certain criminal activities. He stated that he does not think that the Mafia, or Black Hand Society, is an organization which maintains membership lists and transacts business, as is done by other legitimate organizations and that groups of Italians in the United States who control illegal activities in some areas pay no tribute to the alleged Mafia leaders in Sicily and have no contact with them.

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Informant related that Italian groups other than Sicilians, also, for protection from other competitors, organize loosely into underworld organizations. For instance, he stated the Napolitanos who engage in criminal activity are somewhat organized into a group known among Italians as "La Camorra". An individual associated with this group is said to be "Camorrista", as distinguished from one associated with the Sicilian Mafia, who is termed to be "Mafioso".

[redacted] informed that [redacted] [redacted] Sahara Night Club for [redacted] years ago, a member of the Mafia in New York, and [redacted] also lived for several years in Chicago. [redacted] stated that the Roma Restaurant in Caracas, Venezuela, is a meeting place for Black Hand members. [redacted] has stated he has a brother in Caracas and also one in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where [redacted] has also worked.

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[redacted] that the Sicilian Italians and the Napolitano Italians each have separate Mafia organizations in many locations, including New York City. These two groups are traditional enemies and killings often result in the efforts of either group to muscle in or control certain illegal activities. [redacted]

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attempt to obtain additional and more specific details concerning the alleged organization of the Napolitano and Sicilian Mafias.

[redacted] Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Narcotics, Los Angeles, California,
appeared at the San Diego Office advising that his Bureau
is in the process of compiling a book including photographs
and background of individuals believed by that Agency
to be associated with the Mafia. He stated that five
San Diego residents were being considered, these being

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[redacted] SD92-21 [redacted] (SD 92-122)
[redacted] (SD 92-25) [redacted]
ANTONINO MIRABILE, (SD 92-20), and VICTOR PIPITONE. Mr.
KATZ was informed that PIPITONE died in San Diego in
February, 1958.

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F. ANTONINO MIRABILE SLAYING

MIRABILE was considered the most important of the San Diego Top Hoodlums and was selected for penetration under the Top Hoodlum Program.

On December 27, 1958, at about 1:00 A.M. he was shot to death in his apartment, the Palomar Apartments, 536 Maple Street, San Diego. The large apartment building located at this address was owned by him. In a search of MIRABILE's apartment a five-shot .38 caliber revolver and a long knife were located. MIRABILE had four bullet wounds. Subsequent investigation developed that the slaying was the result of an attempted armed robbery masterminded by VICTOR FRANCIS BUONO, a San Diego bail bondsman, who had served ten years on the San Diego Police Department and under a prior Chief of Police [REDACTED]

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The .38 caliber revolver found in MIRABILE's apartment was traced to BUONO. His accomplices in this attempted robbery and murder were a Mrs. JEANNE HORTON, a Los Angeles call girl; WILFRED ROBARGE, ex-convict - armed robbery; JOHN HENRY THWAITTS, another ex-convict - armed robbery; and ERNEST MURRAY, who had been involved with BUONO in smuggling activities.

Admission to MIRABILE's apartment was obtained by Mrs. HORTON who allegedly phoned him that she had a message from WILBUR CLARK, to [REDACTED] Las Vegas. HORTON, accompanied by ROBARGE, [REDACTED] admitted by MIRABILE, following which ROBARGE drew a [REDACTED] attempted to rob MIRABILE. MIRABILE resisted and was shot in the ensuing assault. Although another weapon has not been found, police surmise that in the ensuing confusion ROBARGE left the apartment taking MIRABILE's revolver and leaving BUONO's revolver in the apartment.

A nephew of MIRABILE's, sleeping in an adjoining room of the apartment, on being awakened by the altercation, was assaulted with a knife by Mrs. HORTON. He overcame her

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and stabbed her in the breast from which wound she survived.
Mrs. HORTON testified against the other four defendants in
State Court in Los Angeles during their trial which is
currently in progress.

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II. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES OF TOP HOODLUMS
IN THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION
(Not previously reported)

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aka., AR (SD 92-108)

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On August 24, 1959, [redacted]
Intelligence Unit, San Diego Police Department, advised
[redacted] was negotiating to lease a valuable piece
of Mission Bay property in San Diego for a group of
unidentified investors. [redacted] allegedly planned to
construct a large motel-restaurant-bar operation.

The Mission Bay area of San Diego is currently being
dredged and will be developed into a recreation area. Wealthy
investors are bidding for leases of these tide lands.

[redacted] who poses as a real estate consultant,
has been purchasing a large amount of very expensive property
in the Oceanside, California, area, about thirty miles north
of San Diego. He allegedly has access to unlimited sums
and is rumored to be backed financially by several top
hoodlums, including WILBUR CLARK, Salt Lake City, [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, and others.

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[redacted] aka
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As is reported previously under the heading Liquor
License Violations, taverns in San Diego operated by
[redacted] and other San Diego associates of
top hoodlums, were closed recently due to B-girl operations.

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[redacted] advised that these
individuals were suffering financially due to the suspension

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of their liquor licenses and that [redacted]
"The Spot" one of the taverns closed and was arranging
to obtain the liquor concession at Fed-Co, a discount
store handling all types of merchandise recently opened
in San Diego.

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[redacted] is also attempting to sell his downtown
tavern and has sold the Sahara Night Club which was also
closed by officers of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

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3. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]
and LIMANDRI were opening a restaurant and bar in Garnet,
California, near Palm Springs. They were associated in
this venture with [redacted] Business Agent for
Local 535, Culinary workers Union, Palm Springs. LIMANDRI
is Business Agent, Culinary Workers Union, San Diego.

As previously reported, the Sicilian group,
many of whom were investigated under the Top Hoodlum
Program, has operated a rather high percentage of bars
and taverns in the central business district of San Diego.
Investigation has developed no indication of control or
domination of the tavern business in San Diego, however.
Further, their influence has been considerably weakened
by recent aggressive action of local and state authorities,
including the "B-girl raids" described above and the
disclosures of state committees conducting hearings on
said matters.

PART TWO

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN SAN DIEGO DIVISION

NOT PARTICIPATED IN OR CONTROLLED BY TOP HOODLUMS

A. POLITICAL TIE-UPS WITH CRIME

The San Diego Division comprises the two southernmost counties in California, San Diego and Imperial Counties. This report also includes information concerning crime conditions in the areas in the State of Baja California, Mexico, immediately adjacent to the International Boundary between Mexico and California.

"The San Diego Evening Tribune" dated February 17, 1959, carries news item reporting that ex-Governor of California, GOODWIN J. KNIGHT, declared that he feels District Attorney DON KELLER of San Diego County, used stalling tactics to jockey a labor union case into the court of Superior Judge JOHN A. HEWICKER here. KNIGHT said HEWICKER is known for his severity. The former governor said he is very proud of his action in pardoning two San Diego labor leaders convicted in the case, MAX J. OSSLO, 50, and ARTHUR L. MEYER, 46. KELLER and HEWICKER last month criticized KNIGHT for the pardons, granted on the ex-Governor's last day in office. *8 App. 1/19/59*

Both District Attorney KELLER and Superior Court Judge HEWICKER have denied the ex-Governor's charges and have been very critical concerning the pardoning of OSSLO and MEYER, both of whom are officials of Local 229, Butchers Union (AFL - CIO). Both were sentenced to one to ten years by Judge HEWICKER on an assault-conspiracy conviction in connection with assault of members of the Retail Clerks Union in San Diego.

Involved with OSSLO and MEYER were five San Francisco stevedores sent to San Diego to strong arm the Retail Clerks Union officials. These five stevedores were all sentenced on assault charges in connection with this matter.

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B. POLICE EFFICIENCY

"The San Diego Union" dated February 12, 1959, contains item reporting that San Diego Police Chief A. E. JANSEN criticized recent court decisions in a Crime Prevention Week speech before the Old San Diego Kiwanis Club. JANSEN is reported as stating "Police are fighting on two fronts -- against criminals and against recent court decisions. These decisions range from U. S. and state Supreme Court rulings down to a local Municipal Court decision affecting the legality of drunk blockades."

"He said law enforcement has been hampered by court decisions requiring police to disclose names of informants, particularly in narcotics arrests; preventing arrests without search warrants; making confidential investigative reports available to defendants; and preventing search without suspicion.

"JANSEN said law enforcement agencies are seeking to have state legislators ease some of the restrictions through remedial legislation but are running into opposition from defense-minded attorneys in the Legislature.

"JANSEN said his department would continue to use methods prohibited by recent court decisions -- such as drunk blockades -- until it runs up against contempt of court action. He said such interrogation of individuals late at night -- more than 150,000 were stopped last year -- has kept San Diego's crime rate one of the lowest in the state. 'We have a reputation as a tough town on hoodlums and con men,' he said, 'and we intend to maintain this reputation.'"

On April 1, 1959, a meeting attended by the heads of the major law enforcement departments in San Diego County, including officers on the California Highway Patrol, was called by Chief of Police A. E. JANSEN, San Diego Police Department.

The group adopted a joint policy to combat the increasing number of traffic fatalities which number 64

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persons killed in San Diego County so far this year as compared to a total of 41 for the same period during 1958.

Police Chief JANSEN is quoted by the San Diego "Union", dated April 2, 1959, as stating, "We're out after the speeders. We'll cite the driver who:

"1. Speeds and has no regard for unsafe road conditions caused by road repairs, inclement weather, winding roads, and areas where children play.

"2. Tags along too closely behind the other motorist.

"3. Insists on having his own way behind the wheel and violates the right-of-way of others."

JANSEN, following this meeting, ordered a stricter enforcement policy against all traffic law violators emphasizing that additional citations were not being ordered merely to show increased activity on the part of police officers. JANSEN called for maximum enforcement in the hazardous categories, speeding, failure to yield right-of-way, following other drivers too closely and drunken driving.

San Diego "Union" dated April 3, 1959, carried news item reporting that the San Diego Police Department cited 105 motorists in San Diego for speeding on April 1, 1959, an increase of 33 per cent over the number of traffic tickets written the day before.

Chief JANSEN as well as other local law enforcement heads agreed that some pressure should be exerted on local judges who are too lenient in traffic cases brought before them and that the state law should be changed in accordance with the theme "Safe Speed under the Circumstances", allowing officers to cite motorists who are obviously not observing reasonable safety precautions even though they are driving within the statutory speed limits.

Affecting law enforcement in California generally, "The San Diego Union" dated March 31, 1959, contains news item datelined Sacramento, March 30, 1959, entitled "Assembly

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Gets Bill To Better Police Methods". This item reports that a bill receiving the blessing of California Attorney General STANLEY MOSK, which was introduced by Assemblyman GEORGE G. CRAWFORD (R-San Diego), is aimed at raising law enforcement standards throughout the state. The news item states:

"The act would set up a nine-man commission in the Justice Department to establish suggested minimum standards for police recruitment and training.

"The commission would decide which cities or counties fell below those standards and allocate cash to help bring their enforcement bodies up to standard.

"The money would come from a ten per cent tax on all criminal fines except those for drunken driving. Drunken driving fines are already taxed to support driver training.

"The commission would have no power to enforce standards on anyone," CRAWFORD said, "but it would be able to help those cities and counties which can't afford it now to improve their police forces. There would be no allocations to those cities or counties which refuse to come up to scratch."

Imperial County

Imperial County is a sparsely populated, principally desert area. The largest city being the city of El Centro, California, with a population of approximately 15,000. Sheriff HERBERT HUGHES (NA) is the principal law enforcement officer in Imperial County. He and the other chiefs of the law enforcement offices, conduct their operations on an efficient basis. The San Diego Office has conducted numerous police schools for these departments. Cooperation with the FBI is on a high level.

During December, 1958, Police Sergeant CARL L. MORRISON, El Centro Police Department Identification Section Chief, was arrested on charges of embezzlement of public funds. MORRISON, according to Police Chief WYATT HUGHES, furnished a sworn statement admitting embezzlements of over \$2,000.00

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in traffic fines which consisted principally of bail money posted for the prior four years with the Police Department. All embezzlements involved traffic arrest warrants from other police agencies.

Chief BRIGGS described MORRISON's modus operandi as follows:

"When bail money was posted here on out-of-town warrants, MORRISON simply would keep it. He also would keep the warrant. Other police departments, many with thousands of traffic warrants out and unpaid, usually would assume the warrant was still to be served. If a department questioned the non-return of a warrant, MORRISON paid it. This way, he apparently averted suspicion for four years."

MORRISON has been convicted of the above charges.

San Diego County

Sheriff BERT STRAND is the principal law enforcement officer in San Diego County. No derogatory information has been received concerning his administration and cooperation with the FBI is on a high level.

No derogatory information has been received concerning other law enforcement agencies in San Diego County other than as is set forth below, for the San Diego Police Department. Cooperation between all federal and local law enforcement agencies in San Diego County, including the San Diego Police Department, is excellent.

San Diego Police Department

During December, 1958, a San Diego truck driver, following arrest on a drunk charge, was found unconscious in the San Diego City Jail. He died shortly thereafter of a skull fracture. This and other events led to a San Diego County Grand Jury hearing which criticized the handling of prisoners in the city jail. The Grand Jury charged in the San Diego Evening Tribune of February 2, 1959, that "Police Chief A. E. JANSEN and other officials have been lax in supervising operations in sufficient detail to

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prevent the use of undue physical force in handling prisoners both in the field and city jail".

The report states:

"The use of unnecessary physical force on prisoners in the jail seems to have been considered of minor importance by the police chief and police department officials," the report said."

"The report said the only practice criticized by the grand jury which has been eliminated is use of 'trustees' for disciplinary duties."

The Grand Jury further made the following recommendations, among others:

"Federal and state narcotics laws should be made to determine whether persons on parole or probation still are using narcotics, and a bill introduced in the Assembly providing a 30-year prison sentence for dope peddling should be adopted."

"Federal prisoners should be moved out of the county jail to provide more space for county prisoners."

The news item further reported that the Grand Jury called for removal of Federal prisoners from the County Jail and the addition of more police in the City Jail to relieve crowded conditions.

"It repeated its earlier recommendation that the mayor, City Council, and city manager take a more realistic view of the importance of budgeting adequate funds for police protection.

"It called for the police chief to exercise closer supervision of his department, especially as to the treatment of prisoners."

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The use of trustees in the City Jail has since been discontinued and they have been replaced by uniformed police officers.

Reference is made to B-girl raids reported under the heading Liquor License Violations in Part One of this report.

On June 9, 1959, [redacted] San Diego Police Department [redacted] Vice Squad, advised that Chief of Police, San Diego Police Department, is concerned that these arrests were the result of undercover investigation by State Agents and that the San Diego Police Department was not advised of the investigations until the State Agents had obtained sufficient evidence to file complaints against 45 persons.

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[redacted] downtown San Diego bars when San Diego Police Department officers apologized to bar owners for the raids and stated that the raids were not the result of San Diego Police Department investigation and that the San Diego Police Department Vice Squad would continue to protect the bar owners from such embarrassment wherever possible. The San Diego bar owners involved, principally those of Sicilian extraction who were investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program or are associated with San Diego top hoodlums.

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[redacted] these bar owners are concerned that San Diego Police Department did not alert them sufficiently to prevent the State from taking action, and that the State may suspend or even revoke the bar licenses of some taverns involved.

On March 25, 1959, [redacted] San Diego Police Department [redacted] advised that the City Council had voted in favor of introducing an ordinance establishing a Police Candidate Program in San Diego. This program has been recommended by the Chief of Police, the City Manager, and the City Civil Service Commission as an aid in recruiting promising high school graduates for police careers. Under this program high

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school graduates eighteen and nineteen years of age will be employed in junior clerical work until they reach the age of twenty-one. Salaries in such clerical work will range from \$244.00 to \$296.00 for a forty-hour week. Special police training will be given these candidates before or after working hours. Candidates will wear police uniforms but will not be granted any police authority. They will replace clerks by attrition as vacancies occur in the junior-clerk classification.

This plan will permit the employment of promising high school graduates prior to reaching the age of twenty-one and before they are lost to other types of employment. It will also give the Police Department the opportunity of observing the possible police candidates before they are actually appointed fullfledged police patrolmen. The candidates would learn police procedures by observation and will be analyzed relative to their suitability for police careers.

During the past few years Southern California police agencies have had difficulty in obtaining suitable police officer candidates and have recruited patrolmen from as far away as Chicago. These recruitment programs outside of Southern California have proven very unsatisfactory. Police supervisors are of the opinion that the suggested Police Candidate Program will greatly improve the caliber of police candidates.

On March 25, 1959, [redacted] [redacted] San Diego Police Department Sex Crime Detail, advised that during the past year, in an effort to combat the increased homosexual offenses in San Diego, a new program has been utilized. Records reflected that the most aggravated spot for sex perverts was Balboa Park. b7C

Since February, 1958, intermittently, a young patrol officer has been assigned for short periods of time to frequent Balboa Park in plain clothes. This officer is selected for his appearance and cordiality. He is instructed to maintain a friendly attitude and to greet everyone he meets while strolling through the park with a nod and a smile.

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When a suspect (male) exhibits a friendly attitude toward the officer, the officer strolls toward a secluded area in the park. If the suspect follows, the officer leads him into a conversation concerning the trees, the weather, etc. If the suspect indicates an apparent interest in the officer the officer quotes some given phrase, such as "What do you like?" It has been found that the suspect, if a homosexual, generally interprets this phrase as a "come on" as to the type of sex deviation he is interested in. The suspect is then arrested if he makes an overt act toward or on the officer.

If the officer testifies in court, for instance, if the suspect pleads not guilty, the officer testifies that in using the phrase "What do you like?" he was referring to a sport, such as tennis, golf, lawn bowling, etc.

Since the inception of this procedure approximately 100 arrests have been made. The suspect is generally charged with either vagrancy - lewd and dissolute, indecent exposure, and/or loitering. All classes of persons have been arrested, including school teachers, ministers, beauty operators, aircraft employees, sales clerks, the credit manager of a large store, a rancher, laborers, a police sergeant, El Cajon Police Department, and recently a U. S. Internal Revenue Agent. The Police Sergeant and Internal Revenue Agent were referred to their respective supervisory officers. In the case of the Police Sergeant, he was permitted to resign.

and other officers have advised that this operation has considerably reduced the number of sex pervert complaints received by the department, and thereby identified a number of these individuals who might perpetrate more serious crimes if the opportunity were available. b7C

On July 13, 1959, the "San Diego Union" contained item that on Sunday, July 12, 1959, two Canadian Marines, 19 years of age, who entered the United States illegally from Ottawa, Canada, appeared at the Border Inspection Station at San Ysidro, California, maintained by the San

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Diego Police Department. The officer on duty believed these men to be too young to cross the border unescorted. In possession of these Canadians were two suitcases and when checked by the officer on duty they were found to contain \$71,529.00 in U. S. and Canadian money.

Upon questioning by the San Diego Police Department, one Canadian said he was a teller of the Toronto Dominion Bank at Ottawa, Canada. He stated he walked out of the bank at 6:00 P.M., Friday, July 10, 1959, with the money in a suit box under his arm. The other Canadian stated he had been a friend of the teller for the past ten years and admitted helping the teller plan the embezzlement and the subsequent flight.

The San Diego Police Department maintains a border crossing station at San Ysidro adjacent to the Mexican border which examines vehicles entering Mexico from the United States. Unescorted juveniles are prevented from entering Mexico where all forms of vice, including narcotics and obscene shows are readily available. This unit, which operates on a 24-hour day basis, has also located numerous stolen cars and arrested numerous fugitives from Federal, state, and local authorities.

Cooperation between the San Diego Office and the San Diego Police Department continues at a high level.

Law Enforcement in Mexico
Adjacent to the California Border

Considerable information is frequently received through reliable sources and there are frequent news items alleging inefficiency and pay-offs by operators of houses of prostitution and narcotics dealers to Mexican law enforcement officers.

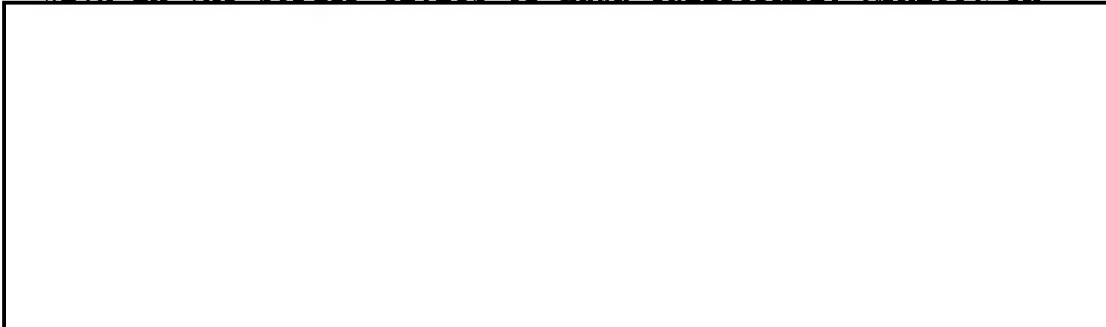
Reliable Mexican officials and subordinate officers have advised that their superiors receive pay-offs, that police policy is dictated from Governor BRAULIO MALDONADO's Office, and that officially it is "unhealthy" to participate in investigations involving vice and narcotics matters in Baja California.

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However, cooperation between the San Diego Office and Mexican law enforcement officials on a state, city, and local level has been excellent and effective within the limitations mentioned above regarding investigations in vice matters.

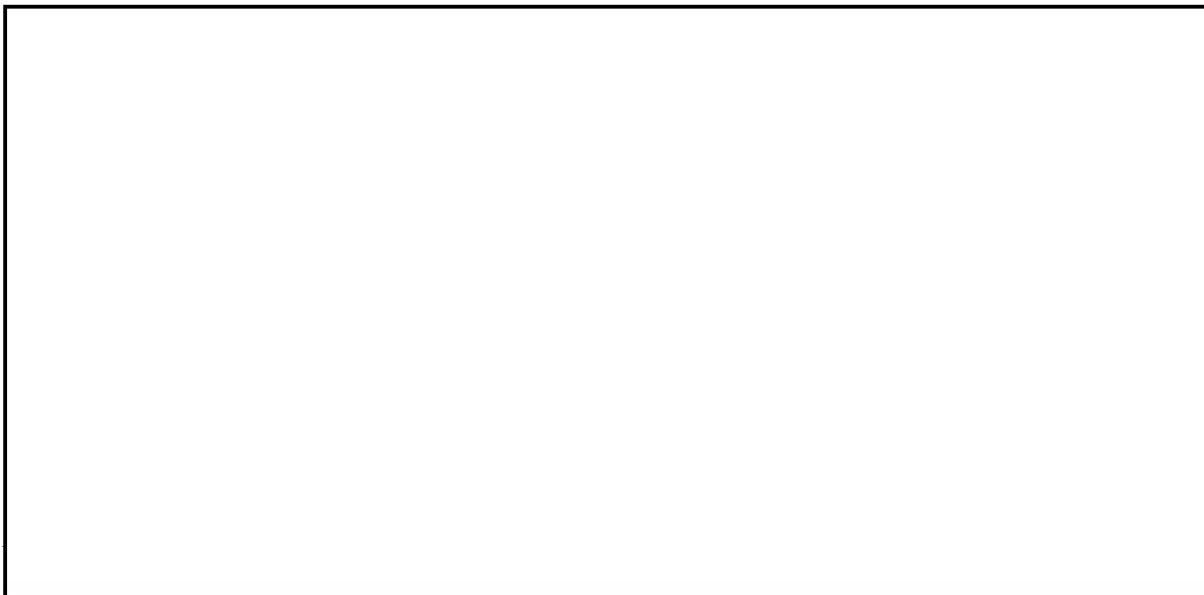
San Diego sources, including Mexican police officers, have frequently advised that the pay of police officers is so low, averaging about \$60.00 per month, that in order to feed their families they must, of necessity, enhance their salaries by making collections from houses of prostitution and other forms of vice. They stated that the close economic relations which exist between San Diego and other adjacent Mexican border areas raises the prices of goods and food in said Mexican areas to the level of that paid in the United States.

As an example of the type of law enforcement officers Agents in the San Diego Office maintain liaison with in the border cities of Baja California, Mexico, on



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The San Diego Office receives numerous reports concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] Numerous individuals are interviewed by San Diego Agents at both places.

In June, 1959, the "Los Angeles Mirror News" headlined a story obtained from an 18-year old Los Angeles resident named ROBERT PETERSON. PETERSON, according to this news item, told a news reported that the La Mesa Prison has a current population of about 700 and is almost completely prisoner controlled. Heroin, marijuana, tequila, beer and prostitutes are said to be readily available for anyone who has the money, and almost part of a prisoner's standard equipment are knives made from bed frames. C. 44200A/751

PETERSON said he was the youngest prisoner and being small - just over five feet and 115 pounds - he said other prisoners seemed to like to pick fights with him. He claimed to have been stabbed in the back while sleeping one night and to have been slashed at various times on both arms and on the side. He said he received no medical attention. When his parents sent him money, he claimed it was immediately "requisitioned" by other prisoners. He was afraid to even take his clothes off for the weekly cold shower he was permitted for fear they would be stolen.

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PETERSON estimated that 90 per cent of the prisoners use marijuana regularly and 70 per cent use heroin, obtaining their supplies from one of the chief guards.

Prostitutes, according to PETERSON, lined up to get in on visitors day, charging from 50 cents on up and splitting their take with the guards. PETERSON allegedly witnessed two murders in prison and watched two other men die from narcotics.

Those with money and the power to protect it could have filet mignon, but otherwise, according to PAUL COATES, Los Angeles columnist for the "Los Angeles Mirror News", the description of the menu was deplorable. PETERSON claimed to have slept on the concrete floor throughout his entire confinement. Once he was sentenced by prisoners, not authorities, to solitary and spent seven days in a pitch black hole where the floor was caked with excrement.

The San Diego Office has received numerous reports that the La Mesa Prison is run almost entirely by the prisoners themselves who mete out sentences to inmates and favors to others. Narcotics, prostitutes, and other forms of vice are available in the prison. Weapons are available to the inmates in charge.

For about the past year the warden of said prison has been Captain ERNESTO REYES MONTENEGRO, a close friend of Governor BRAULIO MALDONADO, Baja California. REYES MONTENEGRO has served as Chief of Police in Ensenada and Tijuana, Mexico, and also as Chief of the Judicial Police in the State of Baja California, under MALDONADO. During his tenures in such capacities, numerous reliable reports have been received concerning pay-offs and the operation of houses of prostitution, the availability of narcotics, and other forms of vice, principally operating with the knowledge of REYES MONTENEGRO.

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C. POLITICAL CONTROL AND DOMINATION
OF POLICE AGENCIES

No information has been received indicating political control or domination of police agencies in the San Diego Division. As is mentioned above, such conditions do exist in Mexico, adjacent to the San Diego Division.

D. GAMBLING

Imperial County

Draw poker and the card game called low-ball are legal in California. All such card rooms are licensed in most instances, by both county and city. The San Diego Office has received no information concerning illegal gambling activities in Imperial County, other than the isolated instances of small bookmaking operations. No information has been received indicating that said gambling operations are controlled by any groups or any one individual.

San Diego County

According to [redacted] Criminal Division, San Diego County Sheriff's Office, there are no card rooms whatsoever operating in the San Diego County areas administered by the Sheriff's Office, the same being illegal by County Ordinance. b7C

[redacted] San Diego Police Department Vice Squad, has advised that draw poker is permitted in all card rooms licensed by the city. Other forms of poker and gambling games are outlawed. b7C

On June 17, 1959, the Provost Marshal's Office, Camp Pendleton, California, advised that there are apparently several organized groups of professional gamblers who visit the Camp Pendleton Marine Base on pay days. These individuals are skilled gamblers, who use marked cards and loaded dice while playing with unsuspecting service men. In several recent raids of said gambling operations conducted by the Provost Marshal's Office, in one instance three Negro male American civilians were questioned after they had been winning continuously for twenty minutes in a dice game. A search of their persons revealed four sets of loaded dice. In another recent dice game on Camp Pendleton Marine Base, six Negro male American civilians were located in a dice game with Marine service men. A search of one of these civilians revealed fifteen pairs of "marched" and

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"loaded" dice in the crotch of his jockey shorts. This same individual also had two decks of marked playing cards. One of the civilian gamblers, [redacted] has arrest record beginning in 1930 for theft, drugs, receipt stolen property, gambling, and desertion. Another civilian gambler, [redacted] has arrest record dating since 1944 for gambling, Selective Service violation, assault and carrying concealed weapon.

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The Provost Marshal's Office advised other military reservations in the San Diego area are also possibly being visited by professional gamblers on pay days for the purpose of cheating young service men.

Subsequent investigation of the above alleged gambling on military reservations disclosed that said activities have since been brought under the control of military authorities and no [redacted] allegations of gambling on military reservations. The San Diego Division have been received.

Mexican Border Area

Horse racing, dog races and Jai Alai are legal forms of gambling in Mexico and are available in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, and at Caliente Race Track near Tijuana. The Caliente Race Track also has what is known as the "Foreign Book" where bets may be placed daily on race tracks throughout the United States. The Caliente Race Track is open the year around with dog racing being conducted from three to four days per week, and horse racing from two to three days per week.

Cards, dice, slot machines, roulette and similar forms of gambling are outlawed in Mexico.

The Caliente Race Track is operated by [redacted]

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[redacted] Information concerning the [redacted] is set out under the top hoodlum section of this report.

Reference is made to information set forth in Part One of this report under the caption Rosarito Beach,

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B. C., Mexico. The gambling casino operated there has not reopened since being closed by Mexican Federal Authorities.

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E. NOTORIOUS TYPES AND PLACES OF AMUSEMENT

There are no known notorious houses of prostitution or other such places of amusement in Imperial or San Diego Counties.

All night clubs in Tijuana and Mexicali, B. C., Mexico, can be described as notorious places of amusement. All forms of vice, including prostitutes, obscene matter, and narcotics are readily available in such places. Information concerning narcotics and prostitution is set forth under appropriate headings in this report.

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F. PROSTITUTION

As stated above, there are no known houses of prostitution operating in San Diego or Imperial Counties.

Officers of the San Diego County Sheriff's Office, San Diego Police Department and other law enforcement officers in San Diego and vicinity have all advised this area is without any organized or commercialized houses of prostitution, although they readily admit that there are hundreds of girls in San Diego and vicinity who follow the U. S. Navy fleet and who are here because of the large concentration of military personnel in the area. These officers, including [redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office, [redacted] and other detectives of the San Diego Police Department, Naval Intelligence Officers, and others, readily admit that virtually every bar, hotel and street, for that matter, in downtown San Diego, is a potential meeting place for sailors, Marines and girls who are out having a good time.

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As was stated before, prostitution is legal in Mexico; however, pandering is illegal. It is interesting to note that under the law, if an individual accosts a cab driver and asks to be taken to a house of prostitution, the cab driver cannot be held liable as a panderer. On the other hand, if the cab driver suggests to an individual that he can take him to a house of prostitution, if the evidence can be obtained, the cab driver can be prosecuted for pandering. Likewise, houses which operate as hotels receiving rent each time that the hotel rooms are used cannot be held liable for operating a bawdy house. On the other hand, if the individual who operates the hotel rents rooms to the prostitutes, he could be charged with operating a bawdy house.

Reference is made to information concerning B-girl operations set forth in Part One of this report under the heading Liquor License Violations.

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G. SHYLOCKING

San Diego has received no information concerning this activity.

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H. FENCING OF STOLEN PROPERTY

The San Diego Office has received no information concerning organized or large-scale fencing being conducted in Imperial or San Diego Counties. Rumors of some such activity in Tijuana and Mexicali, B. C., Mexico, have been received. However, said reports have not been verified.

I. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

San Diego "Union" dated April 14, 1959, reports the arrest of "nine" members of a Logan Heights juvenile gang, who have been responsible for several robberies. The gang members are described as ranging in ages from 13 to 16 years. All members have had prior contacts with the police. The article states "The youngest boy has been referred to the Probation Department three times for glue sniffing, burglary, and joy riding".

The newspaper item describes the recent activities of the gang as including the robbery of a San Diego "Union" newspaper boy in which "one of the gang members brandished a length of dog chain wound around his fist with about a foot dangling."

San Diego newspapers over weekend of April 19, 1959, carried news item concerning 13 teenage members of a juvenile gang known as the "Vagabonds of Linda Vista". Linda Vista is a suburb of San Diego.

According to this news item, the 13 juveniles made unjustified attacks on the night of April 17, 1959, on several individuals attending a beach party in the North La Jolla Shores area of San Diego. One of the victims is reportedly in serious condition with a skull fracture, allegedly incurred when he was kicked in the head while down by a gang member and thereafter thrown from a cliff to the beach in the La Jolla area of San Diego.

Two of the gang members, one 18 years of age and one 19 years, pleaded guilty in San Diego Municipal Court on April 20, 1959, to assault charges and were sentenced on the same date to 180 days in jail. The other 11 gang members of 16 and 17 years of age are being held in juvenile hall for action by juvenile authorities. The gang members were allegedly "drinking beer heavily" prior to the unjustified attack on six victims who were enroute home from the beach party.

"San Diego Union" dated July 13, 1959, contains news item concerning an off-duty San Diego Police Patrolman

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who was attacked and injured by a gang of young men on the beach near the Mission Beach Amusement Center on July 12, 1959. The Patrolman, his wife, and another couple were on the beach. Returning from a rest room the women were accosted by two youths about eighteen, who whistled and tried to start a conversation. The Patrolmen told the youths that one of the women was his wife and the youths quarreled and left. The Patrolman said the two youths returned with a gang of fifteen to thirty young men and attacked him. It was the Patrolman's opinion that the youths responsible for the trouble were members of a San Francisco, California Motorcycle Club in San Diego for the weekend.

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J. NARCOTICS

Narcotics violations continue as a major law enforcement problem in the San Diego area in view of its close proximity to the Mexican border, and there are continuous and frequent arrests in San Diego for narcotics violations. Local, Federal and State enforcement officers employed along the Mexican Border all advise that narcotics can be purchased freely from cab drivers, street vendors and some business establishments in Tijuana.

The San Diego Office, through informants, receives considerable information on narcotics violations, all of which is referred to the proper law enforcement agency.

On December 12, 1958, [redacted]
[redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Detail, advised that during early morning hours of this date officers arrested 22 persons in San Diego in a narcotics raid. [redacted] stated that the San Diego County Grand Jury on November 11, 1958, had indicted 29 persons on charges of conspiracy to violate state narcotics laws and for possession of narcotics. b7C

Sixty-nine officers from the San Diego County Sheriff's Office,, Police Department, and California State Narcotics Officers participated in the early morning raids.

In a news item appearing in the San Diego Evening Tribune of February 2, 1959, the San Diego County Grand Jury is quoted as recommending tests to determine whether narcotics payrollees and probationers are still using dope.

"The jury said that enforcement of existing state narcotics laws is difficult because of the State Supreme Court's decision which restricts search and seizure of narcotics suspects.

"The report said of 2,200 persons on probation in San Diego County, 140 were narcotics users. There were 156 arrests on

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narcotics charges and 187 arrests on dangerous drug charges from July 1, 1957, to Jan. 2, 1958 in San Diego County, the report said.

"It called for tightening of federal and state laws governing narcotics violations; more latitude on the search and seizure law; a better education program on narcotics for teen-agers and adults; better trained officers and legislation which would remove the profit from narcotics peddling.

On March 10, 1959, U. S. Probation Officer [] San Diego, advised SA [] that during the past several months United States District Judge JAMES E. CARTER, San Diego, has placed some 20 youthful convicted narcotics smugglers and dealers on probation with the California Youth Authority in lieu of sending them to prison. These sentences have been termed illegal by the Attorney General and Judge CARTER has been instructed to commit the convicts to a minimum of five years imprisonment in custody of the Attorney General in accordance with the recently enacted Federal Narcotics Law. b7C

[] explained that Judge CARTER has been notoriously lenient in his sentences and has frequently expressed himself in favor of probation looking towards rehabilitation of the convicts. He has been criticized frequently by law enforcement authorities for his lenience. b7C

Numerous methods are used to conceal narcotics smuggled into the United States from Mexico. On March 13, 1959, a BARBARA A. CHRISTENSEN was arrested by the San Diego Police Department on receipt of information that she had swallowed a rubber packet in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, before crossing the border. She was kept under constant surveillance until the packet was recovered. According to [] San Diego Police Department Narcotics Detail, the packet was found to contain Methadon, a synthetic narcotic similar to heroin, containing the properties of opium. In other instances the narcotic is swallowed with several slices of plain white bread and thereafter vomited by the carrier after arriving in the United States. b7C

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On April 6, 1959, United States Customs Agent [redacted] advised that some 15 pounds of marijuana valued at approximately \$5,000.00 in the illicit market was located in a secret tin compartment attached to the bottom of the front seat of a car examined by United States Customs Agents. b7C

On July 18, 1959, 45 ounces of heroin, allegedly worth between \$250,000.00 and \$500,000.00 in the illegal market was located behind a panel of the backseat of a car driven across the border by an auto body repairman of Costa Mesa, California

[redacted] advised that in the past these narcotics smuggling cases were handled exclusively by U. S. Customs Agents. However, recent Federal Court decisions which in some instances require the disclosure of informants, has forced U. S. Customs to adopt the current practice of having their original informant contact State Narcotics Agents anonymously furnishing the identical information to them as has been given to Federal Narcotics Agents. Prosecution is then permitted in either state court or in federal court. In the event it appears that Federal officers may be required to disclose their informant, prosecution will then be had in state court where the state agents can truthfully state on the witness stand that they acted on information received from an anonymous source, thereby being unable to identify the informant. b7C

On April 15, 1959, [redacted] Narcotics Squad, San Diego Sheriff's Office, advised SA [redacted] that recent California State Superior Court and Supreme Court decisions requiring the disclosure of informants in narcotics cases have severely handicapped prosecution in such cases and prevented prosecution in others. He related that the San Diego County Sheriff's Office has adopted the policy of "laying the cards on the table" to any informant or other source who wishes to furnish information on narcotics cases. The informant is told that any prosecution resulting from the information furnished by him will probably result in his identity being disclosed to the defendants in accordance with these court decisions. [redacted] commented b7C

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"This usually results in the informant walking out of the office without furnishing any information whatsoever".

In efforts to circumvent the requirement for disclosing the source, officers have utilized various techniques "most of which have failed".

[redacted] pointed out that the court decisions indicate that the courts wish to leave the decision as to the identity of the source to be protected to the courts rather than to the individual police officers. In line with this reasoning he is currently utilizing the following procedure. When an informant furnishes information concerning a narcotics violation he files an affidavit before a Superior Court Judge setting forth the facts of the offense and stating that the disclosure of the source would be against the public interest. On the basis of this affidavit the court then may issue a search warrant. On execution of the search warrant, if any evidence of the alleged violation is found, warrants of arrest are obtained. To date the courts have not permitted defense attorneys to inquire behind the affidavit on the basis of which they issued the search warrant, [redacted] identify the informant. [redacted] noted that he has obtained several convictions using this modus operandi; however, to date state convictions have not been appealed. He commented that he felt that possibly the Supreme Court on appeal in line with their recent reasoning may require the disclosure of the informants in these cases also.

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K. MEXICAN BORDER INFLUENCE ON CRIME
CONDITIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Intermittent efforts by Mexican officials to control prostitution and narcotics in Baja California are publicized periodically in Baja California newspapers. However, it is the consensus of opinion among informants, law enforcement officers, and other reliable sources, that prostitution, narcotics, the sale of obscene matter, and other forms of vice, continue to operate as usual.

Various San Diego sources have advised that the prostitution and narcotics rackets are too lucrative to be closed down permanently in Mexico. These sources state that token raids will continue to be made intermittently. These raids will be widely publicized in order to lessen criticism from the United States side of the border.

Stores selling obscene matter in Tijuana have been closed down for short periods during the past six months, but are currently operating as usual. Various sources have advised that following payments to certain Mexican officials, the stores are permitted to re-open, even though this incurs considerable criticism on both sides of the border. A majority of the matter sold in these stores is printed in English and obviously is for sale to United States visitors to Northern Mexico.

Additional problems related to the border confronted local, state and federal officers in the San Diego area involving the wide-spread smuggling of narcotics and other contraband, and the smuggling of aliens into the United States. U. S. Customs officers have stated that with their limited facilities that they are unable to prevent such smuggling.

On February 11, 1959 U. S. Customs Agent [] Mexican and U. S. Narcotics officers were conducting investigation into the large scale transportation of barbituates from the United States to Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. Agent [] informed that he has received information that some 800,000 barbituates or dangerous drugs containing narcotics were transported to Tijuana from the United States during the past ninety days. These drugs are sold in most Tijuana drug stores without necessity for prescriptions. A majority of them are purchased by United States citizens, principally for use in b7C

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the United States. A majority of said purchases are smuggled into the United States through San Diego, California. United States Customs officers advised that these drugs are being sent to Tijuana from several United States sources.

"The San Diego Union" dated February 19, 1959 carries news item datelined San Francisco, February 18, 1959, in which newly elected California Attorney General STANLEY MOSK is quoted as stating that a federal statute closing the Baja California border to unescorted American juveniles may be enacted this year. He said U. S. Senator ESTES KEFAUVER (D-Tenn) advised him additional funds have been appropriated for the subcommittee to investigate juvenile delinquency. MOSK is seeking revival of Senate Bill 959 which would have prohibited juveniles unaccompanied by parent or guardian from leaving the United States without a permit issued by the U. S. Attorney General. San Diego police at the border inspection station conduct an "inspection surveillance" of juveniles crossing the border and inform their parents by letter. Juveniles are prohibited from crossing the border after 11 PM by curfew laws. Juveniles are legally defined as all children under 18.

There have been repeated reports of efforts by various United States officials and organizations to have legislation enacted which would prevent unescorted juveniles from entering Mexico due to the availability of all forms of vice, including narcotics, prostitution, etc.

San Diego sources, including [redacted] [redacted] have advised that due to the adverse effect on business, any restriction on movement across the border will be opposed by business men on both sides of the border. United States State Department has also, according to local news item, indicated that it is against any such action. b7C

For the past several years the San Diego County Sheriff's Office, and since incorporation of San Ysidro into the City of San Diego about July 1958, the San Diego Police Department, have maintained a border inspection station at San Ysidro. This inspection point is currently being maintained on a twentyfour-hour basis. Unescorted juveniles are turned back by police officers at the station. The use of this inspection point has also resulted in the recovery of several stolen cars, and in the arrest of fugitives and narcotics violators.

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"The San Diego Union" dated March 31, 1959 contains news item datelined Sacramento, March 30, 1959, which states:

"Parents or guardians of minors who habitually cross into Mexico unaccompanied by adults would be presumed to be 'contributing to the delinquency of a minor' under a bill introduced today by Senator HUGO FISHER (D-San Diego).

"FISHER's measure follows a bill by Senator NELSON S. DILWORTH (R-Hemet) which for court purposes would charge juveniles who regularly cross the international border alone with 'lewd and immoral conduct'."

"The San Diego Union" dated September 8, 1959 contains news item under the caption, "Border Check Halts 702 U. S. Juveniles." This item reports that during the month of August the San Diego Police Department border inspection station checked 772 unescorted juveniles and permitted only 70 to enter; 620 of this juveniles were boys and 120 were girls. The majority were 16 and 17 years of age. Only 75 of these were from San Diego, 68 from San Diego County, and the majority of the balance from other California cities.

The San Diego office through its sources, principally the Immigration and Naturalization Service Air Intelligence Unit, receives considerable information concerning allegations of arms, liquor, narcotics, and alien smuggling by aircraft. These planes allegedly travel both ways between the United States, Mexico, Central America, and the West Indies, carrying said contraband.

On March 16, 1959 Immigration and Naturalization [redacted] [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that local radar along the Mexican border does not track or report low-flying slow aircraft, aircraft flying lower than 1,500 feet or traveling slower than 120 to 150 knots. Such aircraft are not required by law or current military regulations to file advance notice of penetration of ADIZ (Air Defense Identification Zone). b7C

All planes are required by regulation to advise CAA (Civil Aeronautics Authority) of their altitude and speed prior to penetration of ADIZ. On doing so, if their reported speed and altitude is less than the figures quoted above, they are not tracked by radar assigned to ADIZ.

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There are quite a number of instances when smugglers fail to report. These planes generally fly below 1,500 feet and travel in the neighborhood of 120 knots.

Theoretically, planes flying over 1,500 feet and traveling over 150 knots per hour will be intercepted by United States Air Force fighters. Planes traveling at slower speeds are quickly passed without being identified by the much speedier jet fighters.

[redacted] informed that he receives reliable reports of several illegal unreported aircraft crossing the Mexican border each month. He estimates that there are four or five times that many aircraft crossing the border both ways which Immigration and Naturalization Service Air Intelligence never hears about. b7C

The Immigration and Naturalization Service Air Intelligence Unit in cooperation with Mexican Customs conducts numerous investigations in the interior of Mexico, including the charting of small landing strips and the identification of planes and the individuals involved in the illicit aircraft smuggling traffic.

"The San Diego Union" dated June 6, 1959 contains news item reporting that California State Attorney General's office investigators had instituted abortion ring investigations centering in Southern California and Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. State Agents filed a complaint with San Diego County District Attorney "to break up an alleged abortion ring with headquarters in Long Beach and Tijuana." According to this news item, investigators of the California State Board of Medical Examiners, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, and other police agencies, had been cooperating in the two and one-half month investigation.

In connection with a complaint filed in San Diego, a woman agent was utilized who was transported to Tijuana, B. C., Mexico by the defendant. The woman agent reportedly "feared something had gone wrong with the plans once she was across the border and that she would land in a Tijuana abortion mill."

The complaint was signed by [redacted]
[redacted] California Medical Board. [redacted] California Attorney General's [redacted] is quoted as telling an attorney, "We have knowledge of at least six alleged abortion b7C

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mills in Tijuana." Mexican authorities were reportedly cooperating in the investigations.

The San Diego office has intermittently received considerable information concerning abortion activities in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, including identities of those performing the operations, contacts in the United States, and in some cases, names and addresses of the victims. This information has, in the past, been referred to the San Diego County District Attorney's office.

On the basis of information previously received, it is the opinion of the San Diego Office that there are several large-scale abortion rings operating in Southern California and Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, and that a majority of the abortions are performed in Tijuana.

"The San Diego Union" dated August 6, 1959 in article datelined Washington, August 5, 1959, sets forth information that a three-man committee of California Representatives is looking into the narcotics smuggling problem along the California-Mexico border. This committee, headed by Representatives from California JAMES ROOSEVELT, JOE HOLT, and JOHN J. MC FALL, was appointed by Representative HARRY SHEPARD, acting in his capacity as Chairman of the California Congressional delegation. The news item states, "SHEPARD asked the trio to make such investigations as is deemed necessary."

"The San Diego Union" dated August 13, 1959 contains news item datelined Washington, August 12, 1959, stating that "The State Department has been requested to look into the possibility of a joint Mexican-American regulation banning minors, unaccompanied by adults, from crossing the border. Servicemen would be excluded." This request, according to the item, was made by California Committee Chairman JAMES ROOSEVELT, who met with WALTER M. WALMSLEY, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. Representative ROOSEVELT is quoted as stating that the specific recommendation made by the committee could not be disclosed until an official reaction is received from the State Department.

On August 12, 1959 Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) [redacted] San Diego, exhibited several fraudulent laminated alien registration cards. [redacted]

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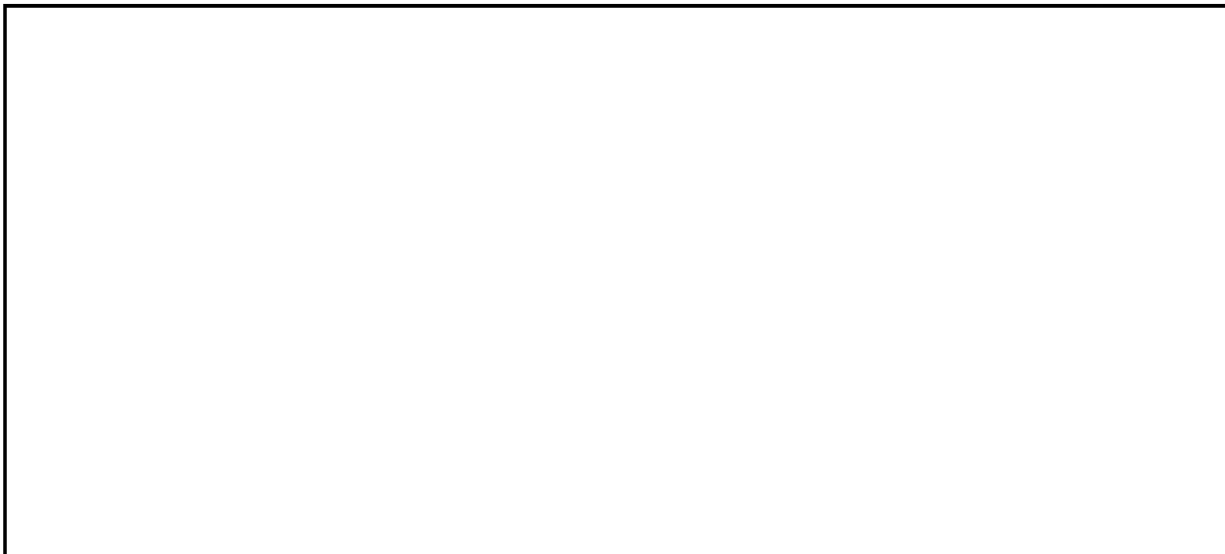
stated, "These cards are better than those issued by INS." He related they are perfect in all details except that the second "i" in the word "Immigration" is not dotted, which defect resulted in detection by an alert INS officer at the border.

Subsequent investigation reflected that three sets of these cards were printed in Mexico City. One set contained over 1500 cards. None of this 1500 printing has as yet been located by INS. [redacted] and other INS officers speculate that these cards have been sold to aliens of "Italian, Chinese, and possibly Russian extraction, in addition to Mexicans." Only a very few of the cards have to date been recovered by INS. b7C

[redacted] stated that the printing source in Mexico City has been stopped, but that INS is concerned relative to the location of the remaining cards. b7C

Alien registration cards are issued by INS only to legally resident aliens in the United States. They contain description, photograph, and date and place of entry into the United States for permanent residence of the bearer.

San Diego papers during latter August 1959 headlined a series of shootings occurring in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico and in the adjacent San Ysidro section of San Diego, all involving either Mexican or San Diego police officers.



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[redacted] On August 22, 1959 San Diego Police Officer Patrolman [redacted] was shot twice with his own pistol at the police department border inspection station at San Ysidro. [redacted] was shot by [redacted] was escorting from the Customs office to the police inspection station. [redacted] suddenly jumped across in front of [redacted] grabbing his service revolver, shooting the police officer twice. [redacted] although severely wounded, overpowered [redacted] recovered his weapon, and through assistance of another officer, [redacted] was taken into custody. b7C

[redacted] was being detained for questioning by [redacted] as a suspected narcotics user when he was pointed out to Officer [redacted] by U. S. Customs officers as he, [redacted] crossed the border from Tijuana into the United States. b7C

Following the shooting it was learned that [redacted] had escaped May 19, 1959 from Agnews State Hospital, a mental institution in Santa Clara County, California, where he was being held on a rape charge. San Diego Police Officers have advised that [redacted] who has arrests for other crimes, was confined in the state hospital on a charge of raping his mother. b7C

Police Patrolman [redacted] is expected to recover. b7C

In another shooting, a Mexican Customs guard on August 24, 1959 shot and killed a man whom he claimed attempted to take his gun. The guard, RAUL GONZALEZ ARAIZA, shot the victim on the main street of Tijuana. The victim, DOMINGUEZ TORRES, was from Chino, California.

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Trial of four defendants for murder of MIRABILE
continues in California State Court, Los Angeles.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] a convicted
armed robber of Massachusetts, who has been employed as a bartender
by San Diego Sicilian hoodlums, is selling marijuana in San Diego.
[redacted] who uses the name [redacted] according to CI,
is furnishing four female strippers who perform at the Hollywood
Burlesque Theater in San Diego with marijuana. [redacted] has become
friendly with [redacted] aka (SD 92-78).

The above information was furnished to [redacted] in
Charge Night Detail, San Diego Police Department vice squad, and
to [redacted] California State Narcotics Bureau, San
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None.

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
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Information set forth in first section of this airtel concerning alleged narcotics dealings of [redacted] has been referred to San Diego Police Department Vice Squad and California State Narcotics Bureau.

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As the Bureau has been previously advised, MIRABILE was considered the most important of San Diego Top Hoodlums, and was put to death on the night of 12/27/58 during a robbery. Four male defendants charged with the robbery and murder of MIRABILE are currently being tried in California State Court. One of these defendants, VICTOR FRANCIS BUONO, [redacted] who allegedly master-minded the attempted robbery, is quoted in "San Diego Union" dated 8/28/59 as stating that Sergeant GEORGE ORR, San Diego Police Department Intelligence Officer, "warned him of possible retribution from the Mafia against him or his family if he failed to cooperate in the investigation against MIRABILE's murderers. He said ORR asked him if he knew MIRABILE had been a member of the Detroit Purple Gang." BUONO reportedly replied that he was aware of said membership.

A .38 caliber revolver found at the scene of the killing was traced to [redacted]



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Investigation conducted by the San Diego Office under the Top Hoodlum and Mafia Programs developed no positive information or evidence to substantiate allegations that MIRABILE or his Sicilian associates in San Diego were members of or associated with the Mafia.

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WEEKLY SUMMARYANTONINO MIRABILE, aka
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Reference is made to prior summaries concerning the killing of MIRABILE during an attempted robbery on 12/27/58.

On 9/17/59, the four defendants charged with robbery and murder of MIRABILE, WILFORD ROBEARGE, VICTOR BUONO, ERNEST MURRAY and JOHN HENRY THWAITS, were sentenced in State Court, Los Angeles, California, to life imprisonment for said crime. San Diego County District Attorney had asked the jury to fix the death penalty as sentence for ROBEARGE and THWAITS.

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The killing, investigation, and trial in this matter, drew headline publicity in local and Los Angeles papers.

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As a climax to the sentencing, the principal state witness, Mrs. JEANNE HORTON, a Los Angeles call girl, who was sentenced to ten years for assault with a deadly weapon following guilty plea in the slaying of MIRABILE, was married to electronics technician, HENRY F. COFFEY, at the judge's chambers of the City Traffic Court. She was allegedly used as the lure to enable ROBEARGE to obtain admittance to MIRABILE's apartment on the night of the attempted robbery and slaying.

[redacted] aka

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[redacted] is an escapee from California State Penitentiary and notorious narcotics and stolen property, including stolen cars, dealer in Tijuana B.C., Mexico.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] has combined with [redacted] in the narcotics traffic in Tijuana, and they are attempting to obtain control of said traffic. [redacted] have also served sentences in the United States.

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[redacted] Governor BRAULIO MALDONADO of the State of Baja California, Mexico, is the subject of a San Diego ITSMV case. [redacted] ITSMV case which resulted in the location of five stolen motor vehicles. CI stated that [redacted] recently bought five new cars, two Cadillacs for himself and his wife. CI added that these individuals are being protected by the Tijuana District Attorney and are apparently, by reason of their contacts, immune from arrest by Tijuana police authorities.

Reference is made to recent Top Hoodlum Program airtel setting forth the hijacking of narcotics from [redacted] by several former Mexican police officers. These officers were arrested when [redacted] complained to the State Judicial Police that they had hijacked the narcotics from him and were attempting to resell it.

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A former mistress of [redacted] was recently found dead, reportedly from an overdose of narcotics, in Tijuana. She was interviewed on several occasions by the San Diego agents in connection with WSTA matters. According to [redacted] at the time of her death, she was residing with [redacted] was convicted of illegal operations (abortions) in California, and is currently residing in [redacted]

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[redacted] He is a contact of

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San Francisco hoodlums. According to [redacted] the girl had numerous bruises about her body and there is some information that the overdose of narcotics was probably forced on her by [redacted] has obtained residence status in Tijuana from Mexican Immigration Authorities, and also allegedly, according to reliable San Diego sources, has police protection.

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ADDENDUM TO TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM WEEKLY SUMMARY DATED 9/23/59:

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[redacted] aka
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Information set forth in preceeding weekly summary concerning various activities of [redacted] and associates named therein has been furnished to United States Customs agents at San Ysidro, California, inasmuch as these narcotics dealers are frequently involved in the smuggling of narcotics to the United States.

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Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Mr. Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
 WEEKLY SUMMARY

JOSEPH QUIRINA, aka
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Information has recently been received from various sources that QUIRINA, who is most commonly known under the alias JOE PETERS, is a contact for jewel and fur thieves and other hoodlums passing through San Diego. During investigation of case captioned [redacted] et al, AR, IMRA, 1947, FAG - BRIBERY, Bufile 92-1160", PETERS was identified as an associate of local hoodlums believed to be involved in this case. PETERS has New Orleans Police Department #393483. He was born 2/13/04, is 5'2" in height, weighs 126 pounds, and is of Italian extraction. He boasts association with CAPONE, SEIGLE, LUCIANO, and COHEN mobs. As a horse trainer in October 1939, he is reported to have stimulated a horse with narcotics at Jamaica Track and in November 1939, he was suspended by the New York Racing Commission. He was identified with a counterfeiting ring in Tijuana, B.C., Mexico. [redacted]

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[redacted] He is suspected of smuggling activities, including narcotics, and has been an associate of San Diego Top Hoodlums.

During recent months, he has been a close associate of [redacted] San Diego Sheriff's Office, whom San Diego sources have previously reported has been a collector of money from San Diego prostitutes and bookmakers.

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QUIRINA has recently been identified under the Top Jewel Thief Program as a contact of known jewel thieves.

His activities are being followed closely under above mentioned program. [REDACTED] b2
PETERS and has been furnishing information concerning his activities. During the past week, PETERS has been in b7C
contact with [REDACTED] WMA, of Italian extraction. b7D
born 1916 in Pennsylvania. San Diego Police Department [REDACTED]
and with [REDACTED] lists his
occupation as furrier. The movements of this group are also
being closely followed by San Diego Police Department.

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TO OTHER AGENCIES

[redacted] aka
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During the past week [redacted] has furnished information concerning activities and movements of [redacted] and associates, which information has been referred to the San Diego Police Department in view of their interest in these individuals.

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FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY[redacted] Aka.
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SD 92-82)

[redacted] advised that [redacted] b2
[redacted] five or six "wet" Mexicans employed b7C
at the Bernardo Winery, [redacted] This winery is b7D
located about 20 miles from San Diego, California, on
US 395. "Wet" Mexicans is a border term used to designate
Mexican aliens illegally in the U. S. [redacted]
ANTONINO MIRABILE (SD 92-20). MIRABILE, considered most
important of top ten San Diego hoodlums, was shot to death
in robbery attempt on 12/27/58. He reportedly financially
backed [redacted] in the Bernardo Winery. [redacted]
MIRABILE, who was brought to U. S. through fraudulent marriage
to bar girl employed at one of the San Diego top hoodlum's
bars in San Diego.

The above information was furnished USINS Border
Patrol.[redacted] Aka. b2
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SD 92-16 b7D[redacted] advised that associates of
[redacted] were engaged in inducing jockeys at Caliente Race

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Track, Baja California, Mexico to fix horse races. These associates, [redacted] Baja California Governor BRAULIO MALDONADO, operate Kiko's Night Club, [redacted] their father. b7c All are involved in narcotics traffic, and the younger [redacted] has been the subject of ITMSV cases in which he traded narcotics for cars stolen in U. S. The jockeys involved, according to CI, hang out at Kiko's Night Club. [redacted] has reportedly made several successful large bets on horse races recently.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE
BEEN DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES

[REDACTED] Aka.
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Information set forth above under this heading concerning Mexican aliens in the United States being employed at Bernardo Winery near San Diego, operated by [REDACTED] was furnished to USINS Border Patrol Officers, including Intelligence Officer [REDACTED]

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FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGOTOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY[redacted] aka
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On 10/10/59, [redacted] San Diego Police Department, advised that former San Diego Police Department Officer [redacted] had complained that an individual named [redacted] was "a con man, and obvious phony, and constantly flashed large bills and talked in terms of \$50,000 and he felt the guy was a hood and up to no good in San Diego". [redacted] stated he conducted some investigation concerning [redacted] in view of the allegations by [redacted] and ascertained that [redacted] coin operated music device business in San Diego, known as Pacific Stereo Music Systems, located at 302 West F Street. Juke boxes displayed in the window of the business at that address are valued at approximately \$1500 each. It was further ascertained that Pacific Stereo Music Systems recently entered business in San Diego and in a short time has placed 52 coin operated music machines in operation in San Diego businesses, principally taverns, in competition with several other music companies, including the Maestro Music Company, 423 F Street.

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[redacted] commented that it appears that [redacted] juke box company is providing competition for the Maestro Music Company which is probably the basic reasons for [redacted] complaints. [redacted] recently resigned from San Diego Police Department after eight years service to open a night club in association with [redacted] one of San Diego top hoodlums. [redacted] was previously identified, while a uniformed San Diego Police Department Officer, [redacted] The Maestro Music Company is controlled by [redacted] and other Italian associates of these two top San Diego hoodlums.

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JOHN S. ALESSIO, aka
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ALESSIO is General Manager, Caliente Racetrack, Tijuana, B.C., Mexico. He and his brothers, including RUSSELL ALESSIO (SD 92-55) have reportedly become quite wealthy during the short period that they have operated Caliente Racetrack. They have admitted their operation of said track is permissible only to their contacts with ex-Presidents of Mexico, MIGUEL ALEMAN and General ABELARDO RODRIGUEZ, both of whom reside in the Tijuana area. Further, they have frequently stated that they maintain close contact with the current President of Mexico and other high Mexican officials in order to retain their position. There is some information indicating that they make frequent payoffs to these officials or cut them in on the racetrack receipts. In the past some information has been received that nationally known hoodlums have attempted to obtain an interest in said track from the ALESSIOS.

On 10/12/59, INS Investigator [redacted] San Diego, advised that he was informed by [redacted] that the ALESSIOS had been forced to "cut in the eastern syndicate for 5% of Caliente Racetrack". [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not identify the eastern syndicate and probably does not know their identity but probably obtained

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this information from acquaintances of [redacted] including JOSEPH SICA, top hoodlum, national. Los Angeles. [redacted] had at the time he was contacted by [redacted] recently visited SICA in Los Angeles. According to [redacted] further stated that it was his opinion that the eastern syndicate would soon, "within the next year", take over Caliente Racetrack.

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[redacted] PCI of the San Diego Office who [redacted] in Mexico City. He is in contact of high Mexican Government officials and of hoodlums in both Mexico and the United States. [redacted]

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The San Diego Office will maintain contact with logical sources in order to be alert for any information indicating that eastern hoodlums are taking over Caliente Racetrack.

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[redacted] aka
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Reference is made to top hoodlum program weekly summary dated 10/8/59, reporting information obtained from [redacted] which was referred to US INS Border Patrol, that [redacted] was employing several Mexicans illegally in the United States.

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On 10/15/59 INS Border Patrol [redacted] Intelligence Unit, advised that as a result of this information one Mexican illegally in U.S. had been arrested by the Border Patrol at the Bernardo Winery Ranch.

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[redacted] and associates recently moved to Solana Beach, California, near Del Mar Racetrack where they have been engaged in bookmaking operations. San Diego PCI [redacted]

[redacted] Southern Illinois - East St. Louis area, furnished information concerning bookmaking operations of these individuals which directly resulted in the arrest of [redacted]

[redacted] were subsequently convicted in San Diego County and sentenced for said violations.

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PCI [redacted] also furnished information that [redacted] both of whom had prior Federal narcotics convictions, were making visits to Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, and even contemplated robbery of Caliente Racetrack there. This information was referred to appropriate authorities, including U. S. Customs Agent at San Ysidro, California. U. S. Customs Agent [redacted] advised on 10/2/59 that as a result of this information [redacted] was arrested on 9/28/59 at the Border while returning to the U.S. from Mexico for failure to register as a prior narcotic convict. Under a law passed in 1958, individuals who have narcotics convictions are subject to imprisonment for up to three years for failure to register with U.S. Customs authorities prior to leaving the U.S. for a foreign country.

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PCT [redacted]

[redacted] pointed out that in view of [redacted] extensive arrest record [redacted] felt that he would probably be sentenced to imprisonment and therefore would leave the San Diego area.

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This information has also been furnished the U.S. Customs agents who have requested that [redacted] S bond be raised and that he be re-arrested.

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FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO

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[REDACTED] aka

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had obtained a contract for the liquor concession at Thriftco, a new discount house located on Midway Drive in San Diego. He stated that [REDACTED] was associated in this enterprise with [REDACTED] and the operator of a liquor store at Fifth and Hillcrest, (FNU) [REDACTED] liquor license is being used for the liquor concession.

CI stated that the recent "B" girl raids by State Alcohol Beverage Control Officers which resulted in the temporary suspension of liquor licenses for those bars involved, were financially damaging to [REDACTED] Several of his bars were closed temporarily as a result of his permitting or soliciting "B" girls to work in his bars in violation of a statute which forbids female bar employees from mingling with patrons. b7C

[REDACTED] for San Diego top hoodlums. b7C

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CI related that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (SD 92-98), also incurred some financial
problems with the closing of the bars operated by [REDACTED]
inasmuch as they had co-signed on the notes financing
several of the bars involved.

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None since last weekly report.

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FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARYANTONINO MIRABILE, Aka.
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MIRABILE, considered most important of San Diego top hoodlums, was shot to death in his San Diego apartment building on 12/27/58, during robbery attempt. Four ex-cons involved [redacted] recently sentenced to life imprisonment for this crime. Information relative to the above has previously been furnished the Bureau. b2

During the robbery attempt MIRABILE produced a .38 caliber revolver and resisted his assailants. In the confusion and hurry of leaving the apartment the killer, WILFORD ROBEARGE, left a revolver [redacted]

[redacted] Investigation of the crime failed to locate MIRABILE's weapon and police speculated that inasmuch as the two weapons, both of which were of similar model and make, looked alike ROBEARGE picked up MIRABILE's weapon [redacted] b2

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[redacted] San Diego
Police Department, and District Attorney Investigator

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] JOHN HENRY THWAITTS

[redacted] THWAITTS was one of the individuals
convicted in the MIRABILE killing and was identified as
having assisted in planning the MIRABILE robbery [redacted]

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The day following the convictions of the four
men for the MIRABILE killing [redacted]
attorney for one of the defendant's that he had murdered
MIRABILE and knew where MIRABILE's gun was hidden. This
confession was to be used by the defendants as a basis
of an appeal to the Third District Court of Appeals. While
these maneuvers were in progress [redacted]
in Los Angeles County Jail committed suicide. In a search
of the jail cell [redacted]

[redacted] were found stuffed behind a wastebasin [redacted]

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[redacted] Aka.

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[redacted] was investigated as one of the original
Top 10 San Diego Hoodlums. He has during the past several
years been residing principally in the Los Angeles area.
He reportedly has several prostitutes working in that area
and is associated with Los Angeles top hoodlums in gambling
activities. [redacted]

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been visiting the San Diego area quite frequently during recent weeks accompanied by [redacted] Aka., another Los Angeles hoodlum. In San Diego they have been in contact with [redacted] a bookmaker and close associate of [redacted] (San Diego 92-99). They have also been visiting someone at the Chuck Wagon Night Club, Midway and Rosecrans, and at the Hillcrest Hideaway Bar operated by [redacted] both located in San Diego. [redacted] information and instructed to obtain information concerning their activities in the San Diego area. [redacted] is identical with FBI number [redacted]. He is a bookmaker, gambler, and pimp, and is [redacted] WILBUR IVERN CLARK, top hoodlum national, who operates the Desert Inn in Las Vegas, Nevada. [redacted] is also a close associate of [redacted] and on occasion has worked at the Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico.

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[redacted] has no known criminal record, is San Diego distributor for the Los Angeles Examiner, is [redacted] Baranov's Jewelers, 968 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. He is, according to [redacted] San Diego Police Department Intelligence Officer, suspected of being messenger for the Los Angeles and San Diego hoodlums. [redacted] at the Caliente Race Track daily. He has been observed on such contacts frequently by San Diego Agents and is undoubtedly a courier for the San Diego bookmakers and [redacted] who is possibly the biggest bookmaker in Southern California.

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JOSEPH LIMANDRI, Aka.

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[redacted] advised that a male Italian about 60 years of age using name FILIPPO DOMIANO has within the last month been observed daily at Pappa Joe's Tavern, 100 block, Broadway. This tavern is owned by [redacted] one of San Diego top hoodlums and a leader among the Sicilian group. DOMIANO, [redacted] LIMANDRI, and other local Sicilians

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have been observed in frequent conferences at this tavern.

On 10/26/59, [redacted] advised that Department of Motor Vehicles records reflect DOMIANO has California Operator's License D-821306, home address 1930 Union Street, San Diego, drives 1949 Pontiac, California license DKZ 800, described as white male Italian, born 1/29/02, 5'5", 140 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, always well dressed. b7C

LIMANDRI was also investigated as one of the San Diego Top 10 Hoodlums and is reportedly one of the leaders among local Sicilians. [redacted] advised that he has seen LIMANDRI utilizing telephones in rear of Pappa Joe's for making long distance calls. He has been in contact with national top hoodlums and is in contact with [redacted] b7C

[redacted] aka (San Diego 92-165), top hoodlum, PHOENIX, [redacted] national top hoodlum JOSEPH BONANNO. San Diego indices negative regarding DOMIANO. U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Investigator [redacted] San Diego, advised 10/27/59, that U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) records, San Diego, are negative regarding DOMIANO.

[redacted] San Diego Police Department. stated that DOMIANO has assumed the same position with the [redacted] as was formerly held by SALVATORE VITALE, notorious hoodlum who disappeared enroute to Italy after he had visited with [redacted] national hoodlum, Detroit. [redacted] had reportedly welched on a \$40,000.00 narcotic debt to VITALE. VITALE had threatened him and [redacted] was afraid that VITALE's Sicilian narcotic contacts in Italy would take revenge on him if VITALE was permitted to return. [redacted] was suspected of having VITALE murdered. VITALE, at time of disappearance, was under immigration bond and was wanted by several law enforcement agencies for major crimes. He was related to the [redacted] in San Diego, relatives of [redacted] who operate several taverns and other businesses in the San Diego area.

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JOSEPH LIMANDRI, Aka

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Information set forth above concerning activities
of [REDACTED] JOSEPH LIMANDRI
and DOMIANO in San Diego has been furnished to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] San Diego Police Department,
without disclosing the source of said information or divulging
San Diego Office's interests in said hoodlums or information
concerning the top hoodlum program.

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 WEEKLY SUMMARY

NATHAN ROSENBERG - AR
SD 92-64

Reference is made to information previously furnished the Bureau under captioned matter concerning efforts to force ROSENBERG to testify before the hearing of the California Legislature Assembly Rackets Sub Committee. As a result of ROSENBERG's refusal to answer questions before said sub committee during October, 1958, he was charged with a misdemeanor. Trial under said charge started in San Diego Municipal Court on 10-29-59. "San Diego Union" dated 10-29-59 contains news item in which ROSENBERG's attorney, THOMAS WHELAN, is quoted as telling the court that the sub committee's 1958 hearing "was more of a smear than anything else. No government code section requires a legislative committee witness to be present and be sworn and the wording in the law is ambiguous, according to Attorney WHELAN".

"San Diego Union" dated 10-31-59, in a news item on the trial of ROSENBERG reports "The Assembly Rackets sub-committee wanted to know if NATE ROSENBERG knew ARTIE SAMISH, why he paid a hotel bill for a known underworld figure and 'who set the fire' at ROSENBERG's old Navy Club, the subcommittee chairman testified yesterday. 'We had some information as to hidden interests in liquor licenses in this area and some information as to ROSENBERG's having a liquor license for a premise which he did not own or operate,' Assemblyman BRUCE ALLEN testified."

Assemblyman ALLEN further stated that the subcommittee had information that ROSENBERG was in contact with ARTHUR SAMISH, former Lobbyist who exerted considerable influence over the

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California State Legislature and who was recently released from Federal Penitentiary following conviction for income tax evasion.

The subcommittee further alleged that it was attempting to obtain arson, gambling, and liquor license information from ROSENBERG when he refused to answer questions before the subcommittee.

ROSENBERG, a San Diego tavern owner, has been in contact with hoodlums throughout California. He recently received publicity as the manager of Light Heavyweight Champion ARCHIE MOORE.

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None .

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None .

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WEEKLY SUMMARYNATHAN ROSENBERG - AR
SD File 92-64

Reference is made to San Diego airtel to the Bureau 11/4/59, relating to ROSENBERG, and his trial in local court at San Diego for his refusal to testify before the California Legislature Assembly Rackets Subcommittee.

The "San Diego Evening Tribune" dated 11/4/59 carried an article entitled, "PROBER HINTS ROSENBERG MAFIA LINK". This article quotes Assemblyman BRUCE ALLEN (R-Los Gatos), who was chairman of the 1958 Judiciary Committee, and its rackets sub-committee, as stating "Rosenberg was thought to be associated with NICK LICATE, who was known to the committee as a 'Los Angeles racketeer and a high level member of the Mafia!...'".

ALLEN testified that his information "indicated that the Navy Club was a gambling operation and a sports bookmaking location". The Navy Club was operated by ROSENBERG and others and was destroyed by fire in the Spring of 1952 according to the article. An arson charge filed against ROSENBERG was dismissed by Municipal Judge FRANK H. NOTTBUSCH, JR., without a jury.

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An article appearing in the "San Diego Union" dated 11/7/59 stated that two of eight questions which ROSENBERG refused to answer concerned ROSENBERG's interest in the Navy Club.

ROSENBERG's attorney, THOMAS WHELAN, charged that the hearing was politically inspired and declared that the sub-committee had "indulged in character assassination from the time it started until right now."

Deputy City Prosecutor SHEARN PLATT denied any political implications but admitted that much of the information from sources linking ROSENBERG with gambling and known racketeers was not current at the time of the hearing. However, he stated, "Organized crime is a continuing thing. To trace its development you have to go back sometimes."

WHELAN argued that "The essential question is the dignity of the individual and the right of a citizen to be free of this type of interrogation."

A verdict relating to ROSENBERG's trial is expected in the near future.

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None.

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None.

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FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO

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ADDENDUM TO WEEKLY SUMMARY

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Re San Diego airtel, Top Hoodlum Weekly
Summary, dated 11/19/59.

PCI [redacted] advised that on that date [redacted] questioned him [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that they seemed concerned that [redacted] b7C
he had been unable to obtain [redacted] b7D
[redacted] and where they could be obtained. PCI
was instructed to continue to [redacted]

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[REDACTED] Police Squad,
San Diego Police Department, night detail, advised that
Chief of Police. San Diego Police Department, had had [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (SD 92-19), one of San Diego Top Hoodlums,
instructed to tell [REDACTED] to leave town and that he is no
longer wanted in San Diego. [REDACTED] to
leave town night of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is identical with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PCI further informed that [REDACTED] have
been in close conference with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] recently employed in San Diego as a bartender.
[REDACTED] close friend of [REDACTED]

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Above information has been furnished to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] San Diego Police
Department. All pertinent information has also been furnished
to [REDACTED] (NA), San Diego County Sheriff's
Office, inasmuch as [REDACTED] resides in San Diego County, under
jurisdiction of San Diego Sheriff's Office and drive-in
planned for robbery may be located in county.

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San Diego is maintaining contact with PCI.

An information copy is being furnished Salt Lake
inasmuch as PCI has indicated that Las Vegas interests

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Caliente Race Track, Tijuana.

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[REDACTED] PCI [REDACTED] b7D
 advised that approximately two and one-half years ago he
 was involved in a [REDACTED]
 The source stated that as a result of the investigation of
 this case [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He
 stated that he subsequently determined that he was actually
 made [REDACTED]
 was supposed to have been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] does not know that he, source, is aware of the true facts
 in [REDACTED] and that he knows that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that after his [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] in San Diego and [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] the Spanish
 Village in San Diego [REDACTED]

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On this contact and on subsequent contact with
PCI on [redacted] he advised that [redacted] had introduced him
to [redacted]

[redacted]
Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. PCI was exhibited a group of

Aka, [redacted] about
whom information had previously been furnished by [redacted]
resulting in [redacted]
the San Diego Police Department.

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PCI stated that [redacted]

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[redacted]
PCI and he has furnished a description of this individual.
He is reportedly from Chicago, Illinois, recently coming
to San Diego. From information furnished by PCI and other
information in possession of San Diego Office, it is presumed
that [redacted]

[redacted] Caliente Race Track, inasmuch as he is the
[redacted] who would meet the descriptions
furnished by [redacted]
Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, B. C., daily but resides
in La Mesa, California, adjacent to San Diego.

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Information concerning the above was furnished to
San Diego Police Department on a confidential basis and was

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also furnished [redacted] without disclosing the identities of any sources. b7C

San Diego Police Department sources and authorities are of the opinion that Las Vegas interests, including [redacted] (SD file 92-90), are convinced that [redacted] was instrumental in asserting pressure on Mexican federal officials to close the gambling establishment [redacted] Rosarito Beach, Baja California. Information concerning this gambling establishment and the individuals involved has previously been furnished the Bureau in detail under captioned heading. [redacted] according to several sources, felt that the gambling at Rosarito Beach was taking trade from Caliente Race track. b7C

PCI further advised that [redacted] have recently made trips to Las Vegas, Nevada. [redacted] is well acquainted with [redacted] was investigated as one of the San Diego Top Hoodlums. b7C b7D

PCI further stated that [redacted] are engaged in [redacted] He described [redacted] are using at present for said traffic. [redacted] b7C

[redacted] b7D
Relative to the above, [redacted] State of California Bureau of Narcotics, [redacted] advised that on 11/13/59 based on information received from a confidential Federal Bureau of Narcotics (FBN) source, two FBN agents came to San Diego. [redacted]

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accompany the unidentified Italian associate of [REDACTED] b7C
on this robbery at the proper time. [REDACTED]
wished to pull these jobs [REDACTED]. b7D

Information concerning possible robbery set
forth above has been furnished to San Diego Police
Department on a confidential basis. Information concerning b7C
the narcotics dealings obtained from PCI has been furnished
to [REDACTED] who is handling local matters in
conjunction with FNB.

San Diego is maintaining contact with PCI
in an effort to develop additional more pertinent information.
One copy of this communication is being furnished the
Salt Lake City and Chicago Offices. Concerning the above, b7C
reference is made to San Diego airtel to Director, copies
to Salt Lake City and Chicago, dated 11/14/59 under b7D
Crimdel - CRS caption, bearing sub-caption of [REDACTED]
UNKNOWN SUBJECT aka (FNU) [REDACTED] UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2)
Chicago and Las Vegas Hoodlums Allegedly [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GLIF - SAN DIEGO DIVISION, SD
94-27." Page one of this communication sets forth a resume'
of information contained in referenced airtel.

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None.

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[REDACTED]
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Information set forth in this summary concerning

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has been furnished to San
Diego Police Department and to California State Narcotics
Bureau as set forth in this summary.

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SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
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SD 92-98; Bufile 92-3652

Reference is made to San Diego Weekly Summary submitted 10/15/59, setting out information concerning operations of [redacted] in the juke box industry in San Diego.

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The "San Diego Union" newspaper carried an article on 11/21/59 reflecting that Police Chief A. E. JANSEN reported that six detectives had been assigned to investigate an attempt to set up a juke box racket in San Diego. JANSEN declined to identify two suspects and stated he could not name the merchants who have complained of possible extortion because they insisted on remaining anonymous.

The article reported that the newspaper had learned that a Phoenix ex-convict was one of the two men under police surveillance and that this man was connected with coin machine operations in Phoenix until recently.

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JANSEN was quoted as stating "This has all the earmarks of another juke box racket infiltration. We've been receiving scattered complaints from merchants regarding veiled threats from several juke box salesmen operating in the city".

JANSEN said detectives know of two cases where juke box cables had been cut, "but so far that's just a case of malicious mischief".

The newspaper reported that workmen entered the Fifth Avenue Bar, San Diego, at midnight and cut the cable connecting the juke box with inter selection boxes. They removed all the equipment from the rear of the store, replacing it with a different type of installation. The proprietor did not learn of the incident until the following morning.

The newspaper reported that the ex-convict under suspicion was convicted of receiving a stolen car and was sentenced to a 30-month prison term in the U. S. Reformatory in Petersburg, Virginia, on January 13, 1956. The article stated that subject was linked by Phoenix police to gambling and running illegal slot machines while a resident there.

JANSEN pointed out that juke boxes are not controlled through city licenses, so there is no way of determining how many are in the city. Other sources estimated there may be several thousand in the city and county. Established juke box dealers here are not connected with the suspected racketeers, according to the newspaper.

An article appearing in the "San Diego Evening Tribune" dated 11/23/59 quoted HERBERT BENNO, an owner of the E. E. Peterson Company, 1216 - 28th Street, San Diego, and LESTER REISIG, Secretary, Service Novelty Co., 3367 India Street, San Diego, as two juke box distributing firms complaining that pressure had been brought against them to force acceptance of juke boxes distributed by other firms.

Detectives of the San Diego Police Department have advised agents of the San Diego Office that the ex-convict referred to is [redacted] an ex-convict on federal parole who operates the Pacific Stereo Jukebox business. He was recently arrested by the San Diego Police b7c for failure to register as an ex-convict. He had a gun in his car at the time of the arrest. Police have notified [redacted] federal probation officer concerning his activities.

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The "San Diego Union" newspaper, in an article dated 11/24/59, quoted Police Chief A. E. JANSEN to the effect that investigation to date had failed to reveal any serious attempts at infiltration of racketeers into the juke box industry in San Diego.

Officers of the San Diego Police Department have advised that action against [redacted] actually arose due to pressure brought by [redacted] subject of SD 92-19, Bufile 92-3202, and his brother, [redacted] subject of SDfile 92-98, Bufile 92-3625, who are financially interested in the Maestro Music Company, a juke box and coin machine distributing company in which [redacted] was formerly interested. [redacted] is presently in the State Penitentiary serving a sentence for bribery in relation to obtaining liquor licenses during the BONELLI regime. He is the subject of SD file 92-25. b7C

Report of the above matter is being submitted by separate communication under CRIMDEL - CRS by the San Diego Division.

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None

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None

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO
 SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
 WEEKLY SUMMARY

The following is submitted in addition to Top Hoodlum
 Weekly Summary dated 12-3-59:

ITALIANS FROM DETROIT
 MOVING TO SAN DIEGO
 TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - AR

[redacted] advised that DOMIANO BUONMARITO
 [redacted] twenty-five Italians from Detroit, Michigan, were
 moving to San Diego in the near future. These Italians were b2
 described as retired and coming to San Diego to live. PCI
 [redacted] BUONMARITO for b7C
 information concerning the identity of these Italians and any b7D
 other information of interest.

BUONMARITO is identical with FILIPPO DOMIANO, aka
 PHILIP PECCURO, FBI #379422, born 1-29-02, Alcoma, Sicily, 5'5",
 150 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, His identification record
 reflects arrest 12-16-26, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for Assault
 and Armed Robbery. Other arrests for carrying concealed weapons
 and violation NPA. DOMIANO was a close associate of the murdered
 ANTONINO MIRABILE, considered most important of San Diego Top
 Hoodlums. He is currently employed in tavern operated by San b7C
 Diego Top Hoodlum [redacted]

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daughter of Detroit Top Hoodlum GIOVANNI PRIZZIOLA, who, with daughters and sons-in-law, also hoodlums, occasionally visit San Diego.

In view of DOMIANO's close association with [REDACTED] it appears possible that PRIZIOLLA or associates may be contemplating moving to San Diego.

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Detroit is requested to furnish San Diego any information received concerning instant matter.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Diego (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
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ReBulet 12-9-59.

Relet refers to San Diego airtels, captioned matter, dated 12-3-59 and 12-4-59 and airtel dated 12-3-59 captioned [redacted] etc., GTOP - SAN DIEGO DIVISION". b7C

Re San Diego airtels concern information furnished the San Diego Office by PCI [redacted]

PCI [redacted] then not a San Diego Office PCI following original contacts with the three men, went to [redacted] who had previously arranged for release of PCI [redacted] referred PCI to San Diego FBI Office. [redacted] was also interested in this information inasmuch as he furnishes [redacted] in Mexico for [redacted]

[redacted] has informed San Diego Office that he has furnished said information [redacted] without identifying the source or involving the FBI.

In addition to the murder plot, PCI informed concerning plans by the [redacted]

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Information concerning the above was therefore furnished to the San Diego Police Department; three men were then residing in San Diego. Said information was also furnished to the San Diego County Sheriff's Office inasmuch as the [redacted] residence is in San Diego County near the city of San Diego. The San Diego Police Department advised that information has been personally furnished [redacted] without identifying the source or involving the FBI. Further, on date original information was furnished the San Diego Police Department, an escort was provided by the San Diego Police Department for [redacted] from the Border port of entry into the United States, which is within the city limits of San Diego, to his home. b7C

[redacted] has not been contacted personally by the San Diego Office. He has been furnished pertinent information by the San Diego Police Department and [redacted] as described above. On receipt of said information it was felt that he should be advised. Should [redacted] it would conceivably result in embarrassment to the Bureau with the San Diego Office not having disseminated the information. b7C

It is noted that [redacted] b7D
[redacted] He was instructed to continue contacts with them but [redacted] suitable pretext and [redacted] It is conceivable that had he not so been instructed, [redacted] would have been perpetrated.

[redacted] was not designated a Top Hoodlum of the San Diego Office. Under the Top Hoodlum program a case file on [redacted] was opened to consolidate data in the office files and to develop background information. No information was received that he was involved in any illegal activities of sufficient importance to warrant his designation as a Top Hoodlum and no active investigation concerning him was conducted. Reference is made to report of SA [redacted] 11/13/58 captioned "ACTIVITIES OF TOP HOODLUMS IN THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION - AR". Pages 11 and 12 relate to [redacted] b7C

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[redacted] considered the ringleader of [redacted]
[redacted], was designated a Top
Hoodlum of the San Diego Office. Active investigation did not dis-
close any illegal activities on his part of sufficient importance
to consider him other than a hoodlum of local importance and his
case was closed.

Separate airtels were sent containing the above
information to clarify prior communications sent under CRIMDEL
caption. This practice will be discontinued immediately.

UACB, San Diego will continue to disseminate informa-
tion as outlined above.

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 FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO
 SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
 WEEKLY SUMMARY

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On 12-8-59 [redacted] (SD 92-99), brother of [redacted] advised that [redacted] was then in Yuma, Arizona, in connection with the opening of a dog track. [redacted] expressed the opinion that a dog track in Yuma would be financially profitable. He related that [redacted] formerly had a financial interest in the dog tracks at Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona, but that he withdrew from said operation due to difficulties with the other owners.

[redacted] said that [redacted] had been considering for some time the building of a dog track in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. [redacted] was being pushed into the track at Juarez by ex-President of Mexico MIGUEL ALEMAN and [redacted] who ostensibly would manage the dog track. [redacted] commented that he did not think that a dog track in Juarez would pay off and that he doubted whether [redacted] would construct any race track there.

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On 12-8-59 Phoenix advised by teletype that the Phoenix Police Department had made inquiry concerning [redacted] at the request of the Arizona Attorney General. Initial hearing for a permit to obtain a license for a dog track at Phoenix or Yuma was to be held on 12-14-59. The Phoenix Office informed that one [redacted] the Greyhound Park, Phoenix, and the Tucson Kennel Club, Tucson, when in financial difficulty, had borrowed \$40,000 [redacted] through this debt, had attempted to gain an interest in dog racing in Arizona in 1950. Arizona Attorney General is attempting to thwart any efforts of [redacted] to gain any interests in Arizona.

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Phoenix further advised that [] was, according to rumors obtained by the Phoenix Police Department, wanted on a material witness warrant at Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office in connection with a gangland murder and for this reason stays in Mexico to avoid apprehension. The Phoenix Police Department had also obtained reports that [] operated a gambling ship off San Pedro during the 1930s. b7C

Information concerning [] staying in Mexico to evade the warrant and concerning his operating a gambling ship (probably referring to the gambling ship REX, operated by the late TONY CORNERO) is believed to be false. [] has recently been seen in the San Diego area by San Diego Agents. He resides near San Diego and proceeds daily by car to Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, where he is General Manager. b7C

At request of Phoenix, background information concerning [] was furnished to said office. b7C

From the above it appears probable that the present owners of the dog tracks at Phoenix and Tucson are pressuring the Arizona Attorney General to prevent [] from obtaining a license to obtain a dog track at Yuma, Arizona. b7C

Concerning [] reference is made to Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary dated 12-3-59 under sub-cantion [] ET AL. Allegedly in San Diego to []

Informant in this latter matter, PCI [] advised [] was proceeding to Las Vegas, Nevada in the near future. [] did not state the purpose of this trip but PCI is of opinion that the trip is in connection with [] as set forth in referenced Weekly Summary. Contact is being made with PCI for additional developments.

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None.

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DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES

None.

INSTANCES WHERE INFORMATION OF INTEREST
HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO OTHER AGENCIES

Information set forth above concerning trip of [redacted]
[redacted] to Las Vegas possibly in connection with [redacted]
[redacted] Caliente Race Track,
has been furnished to [redacted] San Diego
Police Department, and to [redacted] (NA),
San Diego County Sheriff's Office. Said information has also
been furnished to Los Angeles and Salt Lake City Offices.

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Date: 12-3-59

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

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GIIF - SAN DIEGO DIVISION

Re Top Hoodlum Weekly Summaries dated 11-19-59 b7C
and 11-20-59 concerning instant matter, which bore sub-
captions [REDACTED] AR" (SD 92-55) and [REDACTED]
AR" (SD 92-110).

PCI [REDACTED] has identified [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from groups or groups as individuals
of Italian extraction, who. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as is set forth in referenced
communications. They were previously carried as Unknown
Subjects in title of referenced communications.

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PCI [redacted]
[redacted] about two and a half years ago in
connection with a [redacted]
[redacted] has advised
that he obtained PCI's [redacted]

As reported in referenced communications. [redacted]

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This, and other information set forth below,
indicates that [redacted] who was not named by
Subjects, [redacted] Caliente Race
Track, who resides in San Diego County near the city limits of
San Diego.

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PCI advised that [redacted]
[redacted]

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San Diego Sources have previously advised that Las
Vegas interests, including [redacted] (SD 92-90), are con-
vinced that [redacted] was either instrumental in exerting pressure
on Mexican officials to close the gambling establishment
[redacted] and associates at Rosarito Beach, B. C.,
Mexico, or that [redacted] high
Mexican Government officials, refused to intercede for [redacted]
and associates to prevent the closing of said gambling establish-
ment. Information concerning this establishment and the
individuals involved, has previously been furnished the Bureau
in detail. One of the principal operators of said establishment
was IRVING GABRIEL GLASSER, Los Angeles Top Hoodlum.

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On 11-27-59 [redacted] (SD 92-99), [redacted]
[redacted] advised that following the closing of the
Rosarito Beach Gambling establishment, [redacted]

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[redacted] Caliente Race Track under the [redacted]
[redacted]

At the time of the closing of the Rosarito Beach gambling establishment [redacted] and other Casino employees, were arrested and all paid fines of from \$8,000 to \$16,000 United States currency for their release.

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San Diego Sources have also advised that the 5-10 horse race selections operated at Caliente Race Track which pay winnings averaging from \$80,000 each Saturday and Sunday, take a substantial amount of gambling money away from Las Vegas. Further, [redacted] is currently arranging for establishment of a race track in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, across the border from El Paso, Texas. There have been some rumors that unidentified gambling interests have approached [redacted] to collect a percentage of his earnings from these tracks. [redacted] Caliente Race Track. He and the [redacted] have numerous contacts among the gambling element in Las Vegas.

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Further pointing to the probability that the Subjects had [redacted] in mind, [redacted] PCI advised that on the prior night [redacted] Caliente Race Track to look over the situation. PCI related that while [redacted]

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PCI was instructed to maintain contact with these individuals but [redacted] using suitable pretext for being unable to produce same.

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Inasmuch as the above involved no violation within Bureau investigative jurisdiction, said information was furnished to [redacted] San Diego Police Department, [redacted] Homicide and Robbery and to [redacted] (NA), San Diego County Sheriff's Office. Following consultation with these officers, information and photographs were also furnished to [redacted]

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[redacted] who is considered very reliable. The information was also furnished [redacted] without disclosing the source.

The above information has not been furnished to Mexican authorities in view of the current political situation in Baja California following the recent inauguration of the new Governor and the replacement of most of the law enforcement officials, some of whom are known to be unreliable; others of whom reliability is not known.

[redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office, has advised that he has alerted San Diego County Sheriff's Office units patrolling the county area in the vicinity of the [redacted] residence for any suspicious activities. b7C

Based on the above information, [redacted] (SD 92-19) was instructed by the San Diego Police Department to advise [redacted] to leave San Diego. [redacted] has been arrested on several occasions by the San Diego Police Department following his identity being disclosed by [redacted] in San Diego. [redacted] Robbery and Homicide. San Diego Police Department, advised that [redacted] disclosed that on night of 11-24-59 he left San Diego purportedly for San Francisco. [redacted] said, however, that he was surveilled to San Bernardino. [redacted] was transported by individual subsequently identified by PCI [redacted]. A review of [redacted] personnel file at USNTC, San Diego, reflects that he has a San Bernardino address and has a brother residing in San Bernardino. [redacted] is contemplating discharge from the United States Navy in near future. According to San Diego Police Department sources he is currently [redacted] an associate of San Diego Top Italian Hoodlums. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] PCI advised that on that date [redacted] would make a trip to Las Vegas in near future. PCI is convinced that the purpose of this trip is to contact individuals who will [redacted]

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The above information has been furnished the Bureau under captioned heading as a separate airtel inasmuch as a separate case has been opened in the San Diego Office. Copies of said airtel have been furnished Chicago, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City. Photographs and descriptions of Subjects have been furnished Los Angeles and Salt Lake City. These offices have been requested to conduct appropriate investigation in instant matter in attempt to identify individuals who may be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and to identify contacts of Subjects in furtherance of this [REDACTED] Pertinent portions of the above stenciled airtel are included in this Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary.

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - AR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NUMBER OF CASES OPENED DURING PAST
WEEK UNDER THIS PROGRAM

None.

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES

None.

INSTANCES WHERE INFORMATION OF INTEREST
HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO OTHER AGENCIES

Information set forth above concerning [redacted]
[redacted] ET AL to [redacted] has been
furnished to San Diego Police Department and San Diego County
Sheriff's Office on confidential basis, as is set forth above.

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Date: 12/17/59

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN
AR
SD 92-23

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ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN, [redacted]
was investigated as one of San Diego top ten hoodlums.
Investigation disclosed no violation within the Bureau's
jurisdiction. ABRAHAM is currently on probation following
sentence for violation of the Federal Internal Revenue
laws. [redacted] have within the past few
years become immensely wealthy and have acquired real estate
valued in the millions of dollars. [redacted]
has in the past been attorney for some of San Diego top
hoodlums. [redacted] has bookmaking arrests.

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[redacted] is now, according to [redacted]
[redacted] Vice Squad, San Diego Police Department,
beginning construction of a two-story cabaret and a 50-lane
bowling alley in Frontier Village area of San Diego. He
also owns a large bowling alley in Clairemont Quad, San
Diego.

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Reference is made to Top Hoodlum Program - Weekly Summary of 12/11/59 and prior communications concerning individuals in San Diego allegedly to murder wealthy Tijuana businessman of Italian descent.

[redacted] PCI [redacted] advised [redacted] identified as ring leader of this [redacted] PCI that he had obtained [redacted] b7C and requested that PCI [redacted] PCI stated that [redacted] did not show hi [redacted] although he has seen b7D [redacted] in the possession [redacted] in the recent past. [redacted] who was investi- gated as one of San Diego top hoodlums, [redacted] from San Diego County Sheriff's Office [redacted]

PCI said that [redacted] made no other comments and furnished no additional information concerning the alleged plot or the other individuals involved who have also been identified. b7C

"San Diego Union" dated 12/15/59 contains news item reporting that Hollywood actor VICTURE MATURE married Miss ADRIENNE URWICK in a civil ceremony in the apartment of race track owner JOHN ALESSIO at Caliente Race Track, Tijuana. MATURE resides at Rancho Santa Fe, California, east of Oceanside in San Diego County.

"San Diego Union" dated 12/15/59 under item by reporter FRANK RHOADES, reports that RUBEN PADILLA, who played a major role (that of General SANTA ANNA) in JOHN WAYNE's 12 million dollar movie "The Alamo", declined an offer in GLENN FORD's up-coming "Cimarron" to take a job on JOHN ALESSIO's Caliente Public Relations staff. PADILLA recently resigned as Tourism Director of Baja California, Mexico.

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - AR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NUMBER OF CASES OPENED DURING PAST
WEEK UNDER THIS PROGRAM

None.

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES

None.

INSTANCES WHERE INFORMATION OF INTEREST
HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO OTHER AGENCIES

Information set forth above concerning statements
[redacted] PCI that [redacted]
and is still seeking another and concerning weapon in
possession of [redacted] has been furnished to [redacted]
[redacted] San Diego Police Department.

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**TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY**

Reurairtels 12/3 and 4/59 bearing above caption and urairtel dated 12/3/59 captioned [redacted] etc., GIIF - San Diego Division."

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The Bureau is concerned over certain aspects of this situation arising from the decision of the San Diego Office to personally notify [redacted] former top local hoodlum of the San Diego Division concerning indications that [redacted]

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[redacted] brought to your attention by PCI [redacted]

It is further pointed out that it is undesirable to continue the practice of submitting separate communications identical in every respect except for the first page. The proper disposition of copies can be adequately administered without this needless duplication.

San Diego Office is instructed to advise Bureau in detail of the manner in which [redacted] was contacted, the precise information which was afforded him and any understanding which may have been entered into with him at the time of his contact. Reply by return airtel captioned as above no later than 12/14/59.

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NOTE

[redacted] at Tijuana Baja, Calif, was formerly under investigation as a top local hoodlum of the San Diego Office. Although his main business activities are in Mexico, [redacted] maintains his residence in the outskirts of San Diego. PCI [redacted] advised the San Diego Office recently that a [redacted]

[redacted] San Diego area who had business interests in Mexico. [redacted]

The San Diego Police Department has been furnished with all pertinent details of [redacted] and the San Diego Office has also personally notified [redacted] on the assumption that he is the [redacted] inasmuch as his gambling operations in Mexico have been competing with the Las Vegas interests in securing patronage from the Los Angeles and Southern California area.

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Date: 12/23/59

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

[REDACTED] b7C
SD 92-55

Reference is made to recent Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary concerning information that [REDACTED] is applying for permit from State of Arizona to open dog track at Yuma, Arizona. Phoenix Office has requested all information concerning developments relative to opening this track. On 12/21/59 [REDACTED] Foreign Book, Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, advised b7C that some opposition was being made by the current owners of the dog tracks in Phoenix and Tucson to the opening of the track at Yuma. He stated that some erroneous information concerning [REDACTED] had been put out by opposition. [REDACTED] related that the businessmen in Yuma were in favor of [REDACTED] opening said track and that a survey indicated that the track could be operated profitably two days per week, Saturday and Sunday, at the outset. [REDACTED] commented that he felt that in spite of the opposition a permit would be granted his brother by the State of Arizona.

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FRANK MARINO, Aka
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SD 92-85

[redacted] was investigated as one of San Diego Top Hoodlums and MARINO as an associate of San Diego hoodlums. b7C

On 12/23/59 Provost Marshal's Office at U. S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, advised that on prior night an 18-year-old Marine Corps recruit entered "The Spot", a tavern operated in downtown San Diego by [redacted] MARINO has been [redacted] in said tavern. Apparently no identification was requested from the Marine recruit to ascertain his age. The recruit had several \$20 Travelers checks and an airline ticket to his home. He b7C purchased a bottle of champagne for some of the bar girls and purchased drinks with the Travelers checks. On several instances in giving him change the bartender, in lieu of a \$10 note, gave him a \$1.00 note which had a zero pasted on the note making it appear on first inspection to be a \$10 bill. When the recruit detected this he was thrown out of the bar. He retained one of the altered bills, however, and the matter is currently being investigated by the Treasury Department.

WILBUR IVERN CLARK
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SD 92-28

"San Diego Union" dated 12/22/59 contains item by reporter FRANK RHOADES as follows:

"As a member of a syndicate that has heavy sugar, Wilbur Clark is seeking a location in San Diego for a luxury hotel patterned after his Desert Inn at Las Vegas. (In Vegas, Clark is constructing a million-dollar apartment project and a seven-story office building on The Strip.)"

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CLARK is a former resident of San Diego. His brother currently operates a night club and restaurant in San Diego.

One copy of this communication is being furnished Phoenix because of Phoenix's interest in negotiations for dog track at Yuma, Arizona.

One copy of this communication is also being furnished Salt Lake City for information inasmuch as WILBUR CLARK is a top hoodlum national at Las Vegas, Nevada.

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ADDENDUM

TOP HOODLUM
WEEKLY SUMMARY
12/24/59

Nothing to report.

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 FROM : SAC, ~~SAN DIEGO~~ (92-62)
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 WEEKLY SUMMARY

[redacted] aka - AR b7C
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Reference prior recent summaries concerning efforts by [redacted] to open dog racing track at Yuma, Arizona, and information that Phoenix, Arizona interests are opposing said track.

On 12-18-59 [redacted] Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, advised that [redacted] was definitely planning to build a dog track at Yuma, Arizona, if successful in obtaining a permit.

He stated that rumors had been circulated at Yuma, Arizona, which he attributed to the dog track operators at Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona, that [redacted] was a hoodlum, a member of the Mafia, and that if he opened a dog track at Yuma, he would move the criminal element in with him. [redacted] stated that this has upset [redacted] and that he is endeavoring to impress the business people of Yuma with his good intentions and the fact that he is not a racketeer but is a legitimate businessman.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] has been conducting a methodical campaign among the businessmen in Yuma to offset these rumors. Further, he stated that letters have been written from prominent citizens of San Diego, California, including Admiral HARTMAN, Commander, 11th Naval District, and the clergy, to prominent citizens of Yuma, Arizona, not advocating dog racing, but vouching for the good character of [redacted]

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[redacted] further stated that law enforcement agencies in Yuma had been directing inquiries to law enforcement agencies in the San Diego area inquiring as to the background^{b7c} and character of [redacted] stated that he knows that Sheriff BERT STRAND and Chief of Police A. E. JANSEN in San Diego had received such letters.

The above information, as well as other information received from other San Diego sources, has been furnished to the Phoenix Office.

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Nothing to report this period.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ^{SLP}~~SAN~~ DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

DATE: 1/12/60

Re San Diego airtel, captioned matter, 1/7/60.

Of the five copies of reairtel submitted, one should be designated for Bufile 63-4296, attention CRS; and one to Bufile 100-42303, attention CRS, inasmuch as reairtel contains information concerning the Mafia. These Bufile numbers were inadvertently omitted from those copies designated for the Bureau.

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Date: 1/7/60

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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

Reference is made to San Diego Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary of 12/4/59 in which [redacted] is reported as informing that he had received information [redacted] that 25 Italians from Detroit, Michigan were moving to San Diego in the near future. These Italians were described as retired and coming to San Diego to live. On 12/24/59 San Francisco advised that on [redacted] had informed that because of the pressure being put on Sicilian hoodlums on the east coast, he has heard a number of them are reportedly migrating to the west coast. He stated that a number of them have reportedly moved to San Diego, and that this city would probably be the base of future Sicilian hoodlum activity on the west coast. He stated that the most influential Sicilian among them in San Diego was the owner of a number of super markets in that city. He stated that he was unable to identify any such individuals who have so migrated and did not know the name of the Sicilian merchant.

Relative to information furnished by San Francisco informant, the most influential Italian in San Diego, who with his relatives owns several large [redacted]

- 5 - Bureau (AM) (1-63-4296) (1-100-42303) (Info) (AM)
1 - Detroit (92-214) (Info) (AM)
1 - Los Angeles (Info)
1 - San Francisco (94-608) (Info) (AM)
4 - San Diego (1-63-4296 - Attn: GRS)
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San Diego Office has received no information whatsoever that [redacted] are associated with the local Sicilian hoodlums or have assumed any relationship among the San Diego Italians. [redacted] are subjects of a pending Antitrust matter involving numerous other local stores, including some that have nationwide connections, charging conspiracy to fix prices of certain foodstuffs in the San Diego area.

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Detroit Top Hoodlum Program airtel to the Director dated 12/30/59, copies of which were furnished to San Diego and Los Angeles, states that [redacted] SAM PERRONE, [redacted] are reportedly contemplating moving to California. San Diego is in possession of no additional information concerning the latter four named individuals and is requesting additional details from Detroit via separate communication.

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The San Diego Office has received no additional information other than that which is set forth above concerning allegations that Sicilians of the hoodlum element are moving from the east to Southern California. San Diego Italian informants have been alerted to advise upon receipt of any information concerning such movements to this area.

Two extra copies are being furnished the Bureau, one for Bufile 100-42303 pertaining to the Mafia. Info copies are also being furnished Detroit, Los Angeles and San Francisco in view of the information contained herein.

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Nothing to report for this period.

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Date: 1/18/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

(COHEN)
MEYER HARRIS, aka.
Mickey Cohen; AR
SD 92-75

Reference is made to Los Angeles Crimdel, 1/7/60, Los Angeles file 94-558, concerning speech to be made by COHEN before Imperial Valley Press Club.

"Imperial Valley Press", 1/10/60, contains item captioned "COHEN regrets he must cancel El Centro date." This item sets forth that COHEN's scheduled appearance was cancelled "because of a surprise out-of-town business meeting that weekend", according to Press Club President LOU LITTLE. The item further states, "LITTLE said one of COHEN's aides, JOE DE CARLO, called El Centro to make the cancellation."

Announcement of COHEN's invitation and subsequent acceptance brought protest from many valley citizens and a woman's club, according to this news item.

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Reference is made to prior airtels setting forth information concerning [redacted]
at Yuma, Arizona. [redacted]
[redacted]

"San Diego Union" dated 1/14/60 contains news item setting forth, "The Arizona Racing Commission has just granted a grayhound racing permit at Yuma to a group headed by Caliente's JOHN ALESSIO. They will spend almost a million for a track and a glass-enclosed air-conditioned grand stand."

Information copies of this airtel are being furnished Los Angeles and Phoenix in view of their interest in the above.

One copy of this airtel is being designated for Bureau file 63-4296, Attention Central Research Section, inasmuch as it contains information of possible interest.

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - AR
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Date: 2/11/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

RE: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

WILLIAM G. BONELLI
AR
SD 92-142

BONELLI, a former member of the California State Board of Equalization, fled to Mexico following liquor license irregularities in Southern California during 1953 and 1954. The Bureau has previously been informed concerning the widely reported cases and the influential Southern California individuals who were sentenced for these liquor license irregularities.

BONELLI was indicted by the San Diego Grand Jury in connection with the fraudulent issuance and sale of liquor licenses. He has been sought for trial for the past five years by the San Diego County District Attorney.

The "San Diego Tribune," dated 1/27/60, in a news item by reporter NEIL MORGAN, states that BONELLI resides in an apartment on Calle Herodoto about one mile west of Hotel Del Prado, Mexico City. MORGAN's article states:

"At 64, Bonelli is weighing his life expectancy against the pleasures and frustrations of Mexican life. But he does not expect to die in Mexico.

"I am a patient man," he says quietly. "I think I can outlast my tormentor. I'll be back in California."

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"The Bonelli case has been the top political hot potato of California in the past decade. Many public officials have been touched by his innuendoes.

"After a long delay, the U. S. State Department asked Mexico to extradite Bonelli. Mexico refused extradition.

"Yesterday, Bonelli was appearing at a Mexican legal hearing not as defendant but as counsellor. He and William O'Dwyer, former New York City mayor, are among several U. S. citizens licensed as legal counsellors in Mexico.

"It is a measure of the supposed skepticism with which Mexican officials view the California charges against Bonelli.

"Each day when he is in Mexico City, he exercises by walking back to his apartment from one of the downtown hotels and restaurants which sell San Diego newspapers. He reads them closely. He remains an alert student of California's government. He speaks knowledgeably of current action on the problem of water, smog, traffic and taxation.

"Bonelli shows no remorse over his role in the liquor scandal.

"Part of what got me in trouble was that I was too busy to keep a close watch on the liquor license part of the Board of Equalization work," he said. "It was a relatively small phase of the job. But I wouldn't go back into that work if they escorted me back and gave me all the balloons in California."

"The only malice he displays is toward Southern California newspapers, District Attorney Don Keller, and Judge John Hewicker of San Diego, who had sentenced others involved in the Bonelli case."

BONELLI has previously made statements that he would return to Southern California for trial if assured he would not be tried before Superior Court Judge JOHN HEWICKER. HEWICKER presided over trials of other influential Southern Californians in the liquor license scandals. HEWICKER has since recently been reassigned to presiding over civil actions, whereas, formerly he was the principal criminal judge in San Diego County.

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No Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary was submitted by San Diego for prior week inasmuch as no information of interest was received, and in view of assignments of agent personnel to case captioned "UNSUB; MARY LOU OLSON (DECEASED) - VICTIM. KIDNAPING."

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Top Hoodlum Program - AR
Accomplishments

Nothing to report for this period.

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Date: 2/23/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)
SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka
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COHEN is top hoodlum Los Angeles Division. He received widespread publicity in shooting of JACK (The enforcer) WHALEN reputed to be an underworld strong arm man in a Sherman Oaks restaurant on 2/2/59. COHEN and friends reportedly were in the restaurant at the time of the shooting and are potential witnesses.

On 2/19/60, [redacted] Vice Squad, San Diego PD, advised that an associate of COHEN, [redacted] who was also present at the shooting failed to appear before a Federal Grand Jury investigating said shooting in Los Angeles. The Grand Jury is probing a possible violation of the Federal Firearms Act. b7C

[redacted] said that [redacted] since the slaying, has reportedly been residing in the La Jolla section of San Diego. [redacted] stated that he has been unable to locate [redacted] address in La Jolla but is conducting inquiry concerning him in view of [redacted] background and association with COHEN. EC-6

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[redacted] is identical with [redacted]
aka... white male, American, born New York City, 1918,
[redacted] All pertinent information concerning
[redacted] available to San Diego has previously been furnished
the Los Angeles Office.

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SD 92-55

[redacted]
Tijuana B. C., Mexico. On 2/18/60, he received widespread
publicity in Southern California and Mexican newspapers as a
result of the opening of a 300 pupil grade school privately
financed by receipts from Caliente Race Track. This school
is reported to be the first of 24 to be constructed in the
Tijuana B. C., Mexico area from Caliente Race Track profits.
According to news items appearing in San Diego Union dated
2/19/60, the first school cost \$35,000 to construct including
site preparation and equipment. 260 children enrolled in the
first two days of registration. Construction of the 24
schools is scheduled to be completed in six years.

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San Diego has previously periodically informed the
Bureau concerning reports of payments made to high Mexican
government officials by [redacted] in order to
continue to operate Caliente Race Track. The [redacted] also
spend large sums from the receipts of said track for welfare
in the Tijuana B. C., Mexico area including a widely publicized
annual Christmas party for poor families.

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - AR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NUMBER OF CASES OPENED DURING PAST
WEEK UNDER THIS PROGRAM

None.

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES

[redacted] aka b7C
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SD 92-110

[redacted] was investigated as one of San Diego's b7C
top ten hoodlums.

[redacted] PCI [redacted]
[redacted] from San Diego to
Tijuana B. C., Mexico, in an effort to sell 200 cases of
liquor produced in the United States. According to PCI, b7C
[redacted] the liquor was either b7D
possibly stolen or tax on same had not been paid. [redacted]
not see liquor and no price for same or information concern-
ing its whereabouts was furnished to him. The above information
was furnished by San Diego Office to [redacted]
[redacted] San Diego PD and to Treasury Department
Agents, US Customs Agents [redacted]
inasmuch as information indicates the possibility of a local
burglary for the smuggling of said liquor into Mexico. US
Customs Agents pointed out US liquor brings a higher price
in Mexico than the US inasmuch as the tax there is higher
than in the US and said transportation of liquor from the
US to Mexico is a violation of the US Customs laws.

PCI furnished additional information concerning [redacted]
including description and has been instructed to maintain
contact with [redacted] in an effort to develop
more specific information. To date, there is no indication
of violations of ITSP statute.

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Date: 3/12/60

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARYFRANCISCO MATRANGA, aka
Frank Matranga;[REDACTED]
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SD 92-98

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[REDACTED] advised that MATRANGA and [REDACTED] had purchased the Club Royal, 1070 Third Avenue, b2 in the name of the Angelo Corporation. Club Royal is a downtown San Diego night club, formerly owned by [REDACTED] b7C (SD 92-23), one of the San Diego top ten hoodlums. b7D MATRANGA is probably identical with FRANCISCO LAWRENCE MATRANGA, FBI #627558C, born Balestrati, Italy, 2/9/02. He is related to [REDACTED] aka (SD 92-19) and [REDACTED] aka (SD 92-98), both investigated as top ten hoodlums in San Diego Division. FRANCISCO MATRANGA, one of purchasers of Club Royal has principally operated in Los Angeles, California. Los Angeles Office has previously been furnished all information in possession of San Diego. PEPITONE is owner of several San Diego taverns. He is son of VICTOR PEPITONE, associate of top Sicilian hoodlums on West Coast, whose funeral was attended by many of said individuals in San Diego in spring of 1958.

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[redacted] were close associates of
ANTONINO MIRABILE (SD 92-20), considered most important
of San Diego top hoodlums who was shot to death during
robbery attempt in December, 1958. [redacted] b2
[redacted] Gav Paree night club, 839 Fourth b7C
Avenue, San Diego. [redacted] said club. b7D
He has local arrest record including arrest for narcotics
violation. [redacted] advised that these individuals
were filling whisky bottles, with seals broken, with
bootleg or cheaper whisky. This information was furnished
to ATU Office locally. [redacted] JOSEPH
BONNANO, top hoodlum national. When BONNANO was being
sought in connection with his attendance at Appalachian
Meeting [redacted] BONNANO [redacted] San Diego
on weekends. Son was attending San Diego private school
at that time.

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - AR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES

Information set forth previously in this airtel regarding filling of whisky bottles with seals broken with bootleg or cheaper whisky, by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] San Diego, was furnished to ATU Office locally, inasmuch as information furnished indicates these individuals are selling liquor on which Federal tax has not been paid.

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Date: 3/4/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARYAR
SD 92-55Tijuana, B.C., Mexico. San Diego Evening Tribune dated
2/29/60 contains news item reflecting that
 have formed a companynamed has purchased the Hotel del Coronado located
in Coronado, California, across San Diego Harbour from
San Diego for 2½ million dollars.

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Hotel del Coronado is a locally famous hotel which has been permitted to deteriorate during recent years. According to news item, four presidents of the United States, MC KINLEY, HARRISON, TAFT, and FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT have stayed at the Hotel as well as other famous guests.

The item quotes as stating that the Hotel will be restored to its historic position as one of the outstanding resorts on the Pacific Coast.

ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN

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KAHN was investigated as one of the Top Ten San Diego Hoodlums. Recent news items have reported YALE KAHN, son of ABRAHAM, will in the near future construct a multimillion dollar bowling alley and night club in the Point Loma area of San Diego. YALE is former San Diego bookmaker. He and another brother, IRVING, have during the past few years, acquired millions of dollars worth of San Diego property.

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - AR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NUMBER OF CASES OPENED DURING PAST
WEEK UNDER THIS PROGRAM

None.

VIOLATIONS UNCOVERED WHICH HAVE BEEN
DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES

None.

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Date: 3/22/60

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY[redacted] aka b7C
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[redacted] was investigated as top hoodlum San Diego Division. He has operated as a bookmaker for over 30 years and has been described as the biggest "lay-off" betting commissioner in Southern California. As such he is in contact with bookmakers throughout the southwest and is a familiar figure at California and Mexico racetracks. He is closely associated with RUSSELL ALESSIO (SD 92-99), in charge of foreign book, Caliente Racetrack, Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, and with Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, gamblers. In 1951 in filing his California state income tax return he reported winnings of \$482,829.60, losses of \$466,970.11, and a net income of \$15,859.49. The state franchise tax board re-figured his return, listing his income as \$259.905, and demanding \$14,330.11 additional state taxes. [redacted] appeared and the California courts ruled that the state law does not allow deductions from gross income derived from illegal activities, having the effect of deciding that gamblers must pay state income taxes on their losing bets as well as their winning bets.

[redacted] Local police authorities have generally overlooked his bookmaking or "lay-off" betting activities.

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On 3/18/60, [redacted] Vice Squad, San Diego Police Department, advised that vice squad officers had arrested [redacted] on 3/16/60 on suspicion of bookmaking. He was released shortly afterwards on a court order. [redacted] did not further explain details concerning release of HETZEL but did state that officers had seized paraphernalia indicating that [redacted] was engaged in bookmaking and while at the [redacted] residence had answered several phone calls but the callers placed no bets. b7c

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Nothing to report under this program since
San Diego airtel dated 3/12/60.

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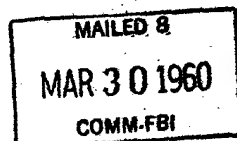
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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

Reurairtel 3/24/60, indicating Joe Mannarino, Jr., brother of Samuel and Gabriel Mannarino, according to information received [redacted] is a finger man for jewel thefts and that he has a score lined up in LaJolla and Denver, Colorado.

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Every effort should be made to further develop the information, and you should bear in mind the advisability of disseminating to appropriate local authorities when the Bureau's interests have been secured.

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Date: 3/24/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

[REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] top hoodlums national Pittsburgh Division. b7C

[REDACTED] and resides in La Jolla Section of
San Diego, California.

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Investigation under the Top Hoodlum Program has disclosed that [REDACTED] is in contact with many top hoodlums throughout the country, including MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka Mickey Cohen, Los Angeles top hoodlum, national. He is also in contact with local jewel thieves and other hoodlums.

On 2/29/60, in case captioned [REDACTED] aka Et Al, [REDACTED] - FUGITIVE, ITSP - MT, CONSPIRACY - OJ, PX 00, Los Angeles Office Agents arrested [REDACTED] and other b7C individuals while they were attempting to dispose of major portion of loot through a Beverly Hills jeweler. One of these arrested individuals, [REDACTED] aka, has since been interviewed by Bureau Agents. He stated that his associates told him that an Italian named [REDACTED] was a "finger".

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man" on many jewelry scores. They described [redacted] as an older man with shaky hands who stuttered. This description fits [redacted]. One of [redacted] associates told [redacted] that [redacted] had several "scores" lined up, including one at La Jolla, California and one in Denver, Colorado involving a large jewelry wholesaler. It was [redacted] opinion that [redacted] was deeply involved in many of the major jewel thefts occurring in the past several years, particularly those involving victims who traveled in the higher social circles. b7C

The Phoenix Office has informed that Phoenix PCI [redacted] aka. [redacted] informed that in April, 1957, [redacted]

[redacted] b7C
From the conversation [redacted] was under the impression that the [redacted] did not indicate any interest in the proposition and no further contact relative thereto was made with him by [redacted]. Investigation at that time disclosed that [redacted] was accompanied in Phoenix by [redacted] were staying at the Sahara Hotel, Phoenix. [redacted] had furnished a business card to the manager of the hotel indicating he was [redacted] Desert Inn Road, Las Vegas, Nevada.

[redacted] the Sahara Hotel, [redacted] has advised Phoenix that [redacted] telephonically contacted him from La Jolla as recently as one month ago inquiring of [redacted] available for purchase in the Phoenix area. [redacted] b7C

[redacted] in Phoenix, to which [redacted] money was no particular object and he would appreciate information concerning the availability of liquor licenses in Phoenix.

All interested offices have been advised relative to the above. Investigation is being conducted to develop information concerning [redacted] movements. [redacted] PCI of the San Diego Office.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY

Accomplishments

Nothing to report since last summary.

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Date: 3/31/60

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARYORGANIZED RACKETEERING
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SD 94-27

Recent issues of San Diego newspapers have published accounts of comments and findings by the Senate Rackets Committee alleging, "a syndicate of hoodlums and racketeers has tightened its grip on the American economy" as published in an article appearing in the "San Diego Union" dated 3/29/60, datelined Washington, March 28, 1960.

Concerning these allegations, Chief of Police A. E. JANSEN, San Diego Police Department, is quoted in item appearing on front page of the "San Diego Union" dated 3/30/60, captioned, "Rackets Held Shy of City". In this article, Chief JANSEN said, "There is no organized racketeering in San Diego and crime syndicates, for a number of reasons, would meet united resistance if they tried to establish a grip on the city.

"JANSEN cited the following reasons why hoodlums and racketeers shy away from San Diego:

"1. San Diego's reputation as a clean city. A city is known to syndicate members by reputation. It is

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either wide open with vice flourishing, or a city where suspected hoodlums and racketeers and other undesirable persons are not welcome. He said those who do come here, singly or in few numbers, take a calculated risk. They find their 'talents' not appreciated.

"2. Citizens' cooperation with police. San Diego merchants know they can appeal to police and action will be taken when they feel they may be in danger of shakedowns by racketeers.

"3. Local labor unions are clean. These unions welcome police advice and suggestions and will clean their own organizations of undesirable persons.

"JANSEN said in the last year complaints were made by members of the jukebox industry that an attempt was being made to 'muscle in' by a racket-type operation. JANSEN assigned a team of detectives to investigate. He revealed the complaints police were investigating to the newspapers, which informed the public.

"As a result we accomplished a definite purpose, beneficial to the entire local jukebox industry,' JANSEN said. Insufficient evidence was found by police for prosecution.

"Recently two managers of dry cleaning plants reported to police they received telephone threats to pay money or be bombed. JANSEN said the investigation indicated both were pranks."

[redacted], Aka.

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Reference is made to Weekly Summary dated 3/22/60, concerning [redacted] arrest and furnishing some background relative to him.

On 3/25/60, [redacted] Night Detail, Vice Squad, San Diego Police Department, advised that [redacted] was being permitted to plead guilty to a misdemeanor

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charge of occupying places where gambling was being conducted. This plea was specifically the action of District Attorney DON KELLER who has maintained that while [redacted] name has come up frequently during the past twenty years in relation to bookmaking, this is the first time they have been able to obtain evidence and the evidence is rather minor. b7c

[redacted] said that Vice Squad Officers who raid [redacted] home the prior week answered nine telephone calls of individuals who apparently desired to place bets but who did not do so when [redacted] did not answer the phone. b7c These nine calls were received in a space of about ten minutes.

[redacted] made available for examination paraphernalia and records seized by Vice Squad Officers in arrest of [redacted]. These included names and addresses of apparent bookmaking and gambling contacts throughout the United States and Canada. Interested offices are being advised by separate letter concerning said contacts for information and possible reference to local law enforcement offices. b7c

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

Accomplishments

Nothing to report since last summary.